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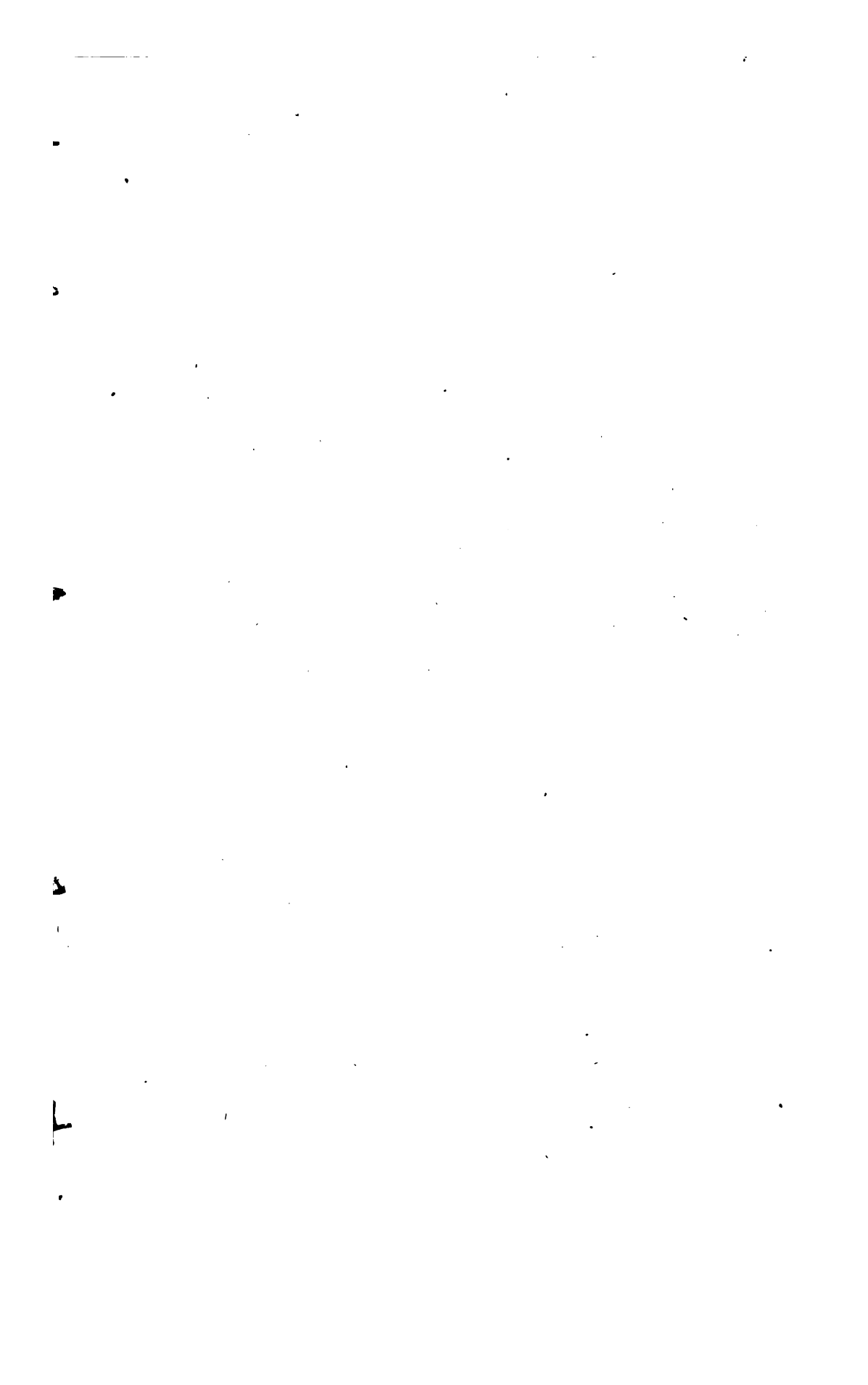
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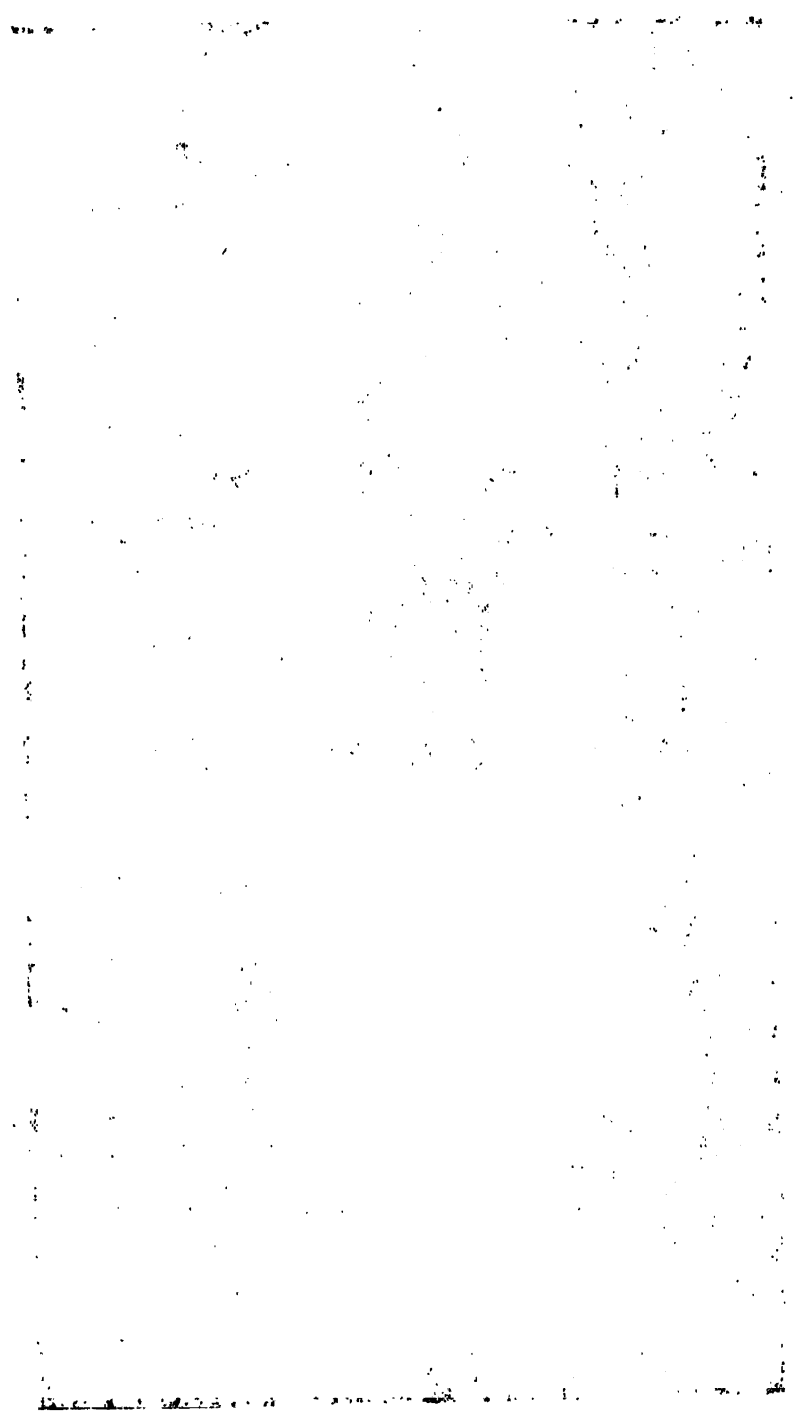




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## EDITOR'S PREFACE.

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It is proper to state here, that, as Miss Pierson in undertaking missionary labor in China with her brother, was necessarily unable to oversee the labors of issuing her work from the press, this duty was entrusted to myself with the liberal privileges of editor, which privileges, however, I should add, have very rarely been exercised beyond the mere correction of proof.

I wish also to add my testimony that the author has been indefatigable in collecting the records of these families and that all the descendants of the Puritan ancestors whose genealogy has been traced in this book have reason to congratulate themselves in the fidelity with which she has executed her work.

GEO. R. HOWELL.

*Albany, March, 1878.*

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## INTRODUCTION.

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The object of this *Pierson Record* is to collect and compile the various and fragmentary records of the different branches of the family in America, that the present and future generations may have better knowledge of their relations one to the other, and that the links connecting us with our worthy sires and Pilgrim Fathers may not disappear altogether. With this in view the compiler has spent many hours in correspondence, and in personal interviews with many individuals of the family, and has listened to many a detail of family history, and has made such selections as should be preserved. She now takes great pleasure in presenting the result of her labors to all who may be interested in the book. There has been no attempt at elaboration, but in all instances, clearness, precision and honesty. By inquiries among the different branches of the name, a hope was entertained of discovering the relationship of all or of the principal emigrants of the name, to this country; but the records which have been preserved are so meagre and disconnected that this is quite impossible (at least so far as has been discovered); therefore, the present generations have been traced back, each to its progenitor in this country; and the most the compiler can do is to present it in this form, writing out each branch as found, from the known progenitor, and trusting that some one, somehow, may have further means of information and be able to connect the different branches with the main root which was nourished on English soil, in the distant past. An attempt has been made in England also, to find from old records an account of the emigration to America of Rev. Abraham (see English note 63) and his contemporaries, hoping thus to learn if Abraham, Thomas and Henry, were "the three brothers, who together left their native land, and sought a home on the rocky shores of New England."

For the benefit of such as are ignorant of the fact, it may be stated that there are in England state papers and other records, which give the names and place of residence in England, and other particulars, of those who sailed from England with the name of ship and date of sailing. From such records many American families have found a clue to their English ancestry; but all such research (thus far) has failed to show us in what vessels *our* ancestors crossed the Atlantic.



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*Pierson Genealogy.*

It may yet be found in the old Dutch records at Leyden, or may still be buried in the uncatalogued mass of documents in the British record office. Abraham, Thomas, Henry, both Johns, and possibly Stephen, were among those who left their English homes in pursuit of religious freedom, and suffered persecution because they desired purity of religion. Many of those thus persecuted, called Puritans, sought refuge in Leyden and other parts of Holland. Some of these people sailed directly from Holland to America, while most of them first returned to England, and from there sailed to America. While an effort was made to keep a record of *all* who left the country, it was quite impossible to do this, as we are told that between 1620 and 1640 some 4,000 families or 21,000 British subjects came to America.

The two Johns, coming in 1637 and 1643, settled in Massachusetts, and their families have remained mostly in New England.

Rev. Abraham came first to Boston in 1639, was on Long Island a short time, but his life and labors were particularly in Branford, Ct., and in Newark, N. J. The most of his descendants are in N. J., N. Y. and Conn.

Henry is first found on Long Island in 1640, where his life was spent, and with the exception of his son Benjamin (who removed to N. J.) his children remained on the island, and the most of his descendants have continued in that vicinity. Thomas, Sen., first appeared on record at Branford, Conn. The town records of Branford state that "Thos. Pierson, Sen., mar. Mary Harrison, 1662." He removed to N. J., and his descendants are mainly in that vicinity.

Stephen came to Derby, Ct., in 1666, and his descendants are mostly in Conn. Three generations of this line have lived on Old Meeting-house hill, in Derby. Those who were Quakers mainly settled in Pennsylvania.

As a race the Piersons are intellectual and educated; and while they are somewhat reserved in manner and averse to much demonstration of feeling, they may be said to be genuine and honest, endued with their full share of independence of thought and action, with tenacity of purpose (sometimes to obstinacy), fidelity to one another and to their country, and a high sense of honor, with a respect and reverence for the religion of their forefathers, while the most of them have manifested a spirit of deep and earnest piety. Many of them have been graduated at our colleges and seminaries, and have filled posts of honor and usefulness; while others, without a college education, have served their country and generation faithfully.

After an extensive research among the different branches of the family, the compiler takes pleasure in adding that no traitor to his country has been found among them; and that we need not be ashamed of the name which has descended to us, and which marks among the earliest settlers of our beloved land such men as the 1st and 2d Rev. Abraham, and Henry, and Thomas and John Pierson, men guided by high and noble principle, whose allegiance was to the

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triume God, who dared the perils of the sea and life on a rocky, desolate coast, because the love of liberty in religion and government, demanded a fresher atmosphere than old England extended to them.

It may be found that some items and dates in the following records are inaccurate. If so, it is because the compiler has been misinformed, though great care and caution have been used in obtaining the information.

To all who have rendered assistance in contributing data and other information, I would return many thanks. If others who have been addressed had taken interest in the work, and contributed concerning their branches, our genealogical tree would have been more fully leaved. But with its imperfections, let the present generation of Piersons receive it, at the hand of the willing compiler,

L. B. P.

## THE NAME PIERSON.

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Various theories have been advanced as to the origin of the name ; some saying "the rays of the sun pierce," etc. But it is more reasonable to suppose that it comes from the son of *Pierre*, or Peter, through the French ; and further back, from the Danish *Peterson*. The spelling of the name has been varied, by different individuals. Indeed, different members of the same family have adopted *Piersons*, *Pearson*, *Person*, *Peirson*, and even *Parsons*, from some whim or fancy, or as a matter of convenience. Local associations have sometimes caused the change. 1637, is the earliest date in our American records of the appearance of the name. In England we find the name used as early as the first part of the 15th century, in Yorkshire. It was variously spelled then and there, too, as a perusal of the *English Notes*, will show. Our English research has also contributed the following: *Pierson* is considered to be the most correct manner of spelling the name, as deduced through the *French Pierre*, from the original Danish *Peterson*, a name still known in Scandinavia, and illustrated by the hospitable Gustavus Vasa, while concealed amid the wilds of Dalecarlia.<sup>1</sup>

The immediate tradition of the family is that it was established in an honorable and independent condition from a very early period, in the East Riding, of the county of York.

Hotten in his *List of Emigrants to America*, between 1600 and 1700, mentions also Peireson and Peirceson. And Savage in the *Gen. Register*, gives Pier-ei-ea-er and orsune, as one and the same name.

As to the choice in the manner of spelling the name, the best authority seems to be for *Pierson*. Among all the emigrants to this country from old England, Rev. Abraham Pierson stands preëminent as the *scholar*, and he has left us *Pierson*.

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<sup>1</sup> There can be no doubt as to the origin of the name. The baptismal name Pierre (as it is in the French language), as it passed into England after the conquest often took the form of Piers, thus becoming half anglicized. And when surnames began to be used, John the son of Will, became John Wilson, and his neighbor John the son of Piers, became John Pierson.— G. R. H

## LIST OF PIERSON EMIGRANTS TO AMERICA.

- Pearson*, John, to Lynn and Reading, Mass., in 1637.  
 " John, to Rowley, Mass., in 1643.  
*Pierson*, Rev. Abraham, to Boston, Mass., in 1639.  
 " Henry, to Southampton, L. I., in 1640.  
 " Bartholomew, to Watertown, Mass., in 1639.  
 " Hugh, to Watertown, Mass., in 1640.  
 " John, to Middletown, in 1640.  
 " Peter, to Boston, Mass., in 1660.  
 " George, to Boston, Mass., in 1660.  
 " Thomas, Sen., found in Branford, Conn., in 1662.  
 " Stephen, Sen., found in Derby, Conn., in 1666.  
*Pearson*, Thomas, to Uptown, Penn., in 1682.  
 " Benjamin, to Penn., near the same time.  
 " Capt. James, to Gloucester, Mass., near 1700.  
 " Thomas, to Virginia, near 1774.  
*Piersons*, Richard, to Hope, Maine, in 18th century.  
*Peirson*, Samuel, to Philadelphia, Penn., in 1699.

## TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE RECORDS.

Each of the founders of a family in this country, as Rev. Abraham, Henry, etc., is numbered 1; and each of their descendants receives a number before his or her name, which is never applied to any other name, to distinguish such person wherever mentioned.

**Superior.** The superior, or small number at the upper, right hand corner of each name, indicates the generation to which he belongs, in this country: as Joseph<sup>2</sup> Pierson indicates that he was of the 2d gen., in America. Thus, 4 Joseph<sup>2</sup> Pierson, is number four from Henry<sup>1</sup>, and of the 2d generation.

After stating a family, first the line of the oldest son is given, down to the present gen., or as far as can be ascertained; then the line of the 2d son is given, in like manner, etc.

**Italics.** Names printed in italics indicate those whose lines of descent are given through one or more generations.

col.	colony, or colonial,	coll.	college.
ch.	church,	w. of,	wife of.
h. chd.	children or child, or had children.		
d.	died.	th.	that.
b.	born.	wh.	which.
mar.	married.		

## FAMILY OF REV. ABRAHAM PIERSON,

WHO EMIGRATED TO AMERICA IN 1639.

In 1613, <sup>1</sup> *Abraham<sup>1</sup> Pierson* was born in Yorkshire, England. Grad. at Trinity coll., Cambridge, 1632; in pursuit of religious freedom came to America, 1639. He was in Boston and Lynn, Mass. 1640; went to Southampton, Long Island, where he remained till 1647; then removed to Branford, Ct.; from which place he again removed, in 1666, to Newark, New Jersey, where he died,<sup>1</sup> Aug. 9, 1678. His wife was Abigail, dau. of Rev. Jno. Wheelwright of Lincolnshire, Eng., who removed to New Hampshire.

Before leaving England he was Episcopally ordained, and preached there for awhile. In the cause of religious liberty he sought America; was ordained in Boston, as a Congregational minister. At Lynn 1640, "finding themselves straightened, about 40 families, with Pierson as their minister," departed from Lynn, and attempted to make a settlement on the west end of Long Island. But the Dutch had made sure of that end, so they repaired to the east end, and laid the foundations of Southampton.<sup>2</sup> The 1st ch. of that town was started as a Cong. ch., but it afterwards became Presb.<sup>3</sup> Thus was there settled a ch. at S., under the paternal care of this worthy man; where he did with a laudable diligence undergo two of the three hard labors, teaching and governing, to make it become what Paradise was called "The island of the Innocents." He was most rigid in his desire to have the "civil as well as the ecclesiastical power all vested in the church, and to allow none but church members to act in the choice of officers of gov't, or to be eligible as such." This led to a division of the colony<sup>4</sup>; and in 1647, Pierson,

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<sup>1</sup> See Note A.

<sup>2</sup> He was appointed by a council of ministers in Boston in October 1640 to be the pastor of a people who had gone from Lynn and effected a settlement called Southampton on Long Island in June of that year and was installed as pastor at a formal establishment of his church at Lynn in Nov. of the same year. Doubtless a few of the Southampton people went over to Lynn to be ordained as ruling elders and deacons, and with others about to emigrate from Lynn to the new colony, formed the nucleus of the church which upon their arrival on L. I. immediately received the remainder already there. These colonists had attempted in May 1640 a settlement at the west end of the island, but had been driven off by the Dutch who claimed the land; they immediately collected their goods and sailed eastward and bought land of the Indians and founded Southampton the first town settled by the English in the state of New York.—*G. R. H.*

<sup>3</sup> Howell's Hist. of Southampton.

<sup>4</sup> Note B.

with a small part of his cong., attempted another settlement, across the sound, on the Conn. shore. They organized and formed the town of *Branford*. Here, for 20 yrs., he "enjoyed the confidence and esteem not only of the ministers, but the more prominent civilians connected with the N. H. colony." He early interested himself in behalf of the Indians, made himself familiar with their language, and prepared a catechism for them, that they might know of the one true God. Pierson was to the Indians of Conn. what Eliot and Mayhew were to those of Mass. Winthrop says "he was a Godly learned man," and Mather says, "wherever he came he shone."<sup>1</sup> "He united with Jno. Davenport in opposing the union of the two colonies, the Conn. and the N. H. colonies, 1665, with great inflexibility. He was rigid to excess in ch. communion, and disapproved of the liberality of the clergy in the Conn. colony, in this respect; he differed with them upon the ordinance of infant baptism, etc.; as no person in the N. H. colony could be made a freeman unless he was in full communion with the church. He fully agreed with D. and others in the colony, that no other gov't than that of the church should be maintained in the col. and opposed any union with Conn., (for the reason "that a good character and an orderly walk, with an estate of £30, or had held office in the col. was all that was required to make a man a freeman in the col. of Conn,"—which would mar the order and purity of the churches. On this account he refused to unite with the Conn. col., and in 1666, he, with most of his congregation, left Branford,<sup>2</sup> and repaired to N. J. There, on the Passaic, they purchased land of the Indians, and laid the foundations of the now flourishing city of *Newark*.<sup>3</sup> During '66 and '67 some sixty-five efficient men came from Branford and two neighboring towns to Newark. Each man was entitled to a homestead lot of six acres.<sup>4</sup> They brought their church organization with them from B., and became the 1st ch. of Newark. (This afterwards became a *Pres. ch.*) Here, for 12 yrs. the good man *Abraham* led his flock of devoted followers; and "his life, full of piety to God, and service to his fellow men, has left behind it precious memorials, and his name deserves to be kept fragrant, and surely it will be as long as Christian piety, and holy energy and zeal, are held in estimation,

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<sup>1</sup> *Hinman's Puritan Settlers of Conn.*

<sup>2</sup> *Trumbull's History of Conn.* states that "Rev. Abraham Pierson and his church carried off the church and town records of Branford, Ct., to Newark, N. J., in 1666-7." This statement, however, is incorrect, for in Branford are to be found now the town records extending back to 1644.

<sup>3</sup> After the town in Eng. where he was probably ordained.

<sup>4</sup> See note C.

<sup>5</sup> Dr. Stearns's 1st Pres. church of Newark.

and the church, of which he was the first pastor, knows how to value her bright ornaments<sup>1</sup>."

He h. chd. 2 *Abraham*<sup>2</sup>, b. 1641 at Lynn, Mass., d. May 5, 1701, at Killingworth, Ct.; 3 *Thomas*<sup>2</sup>, Jr, b. 1641-2 at Southampton, L. I., d. before 1684 in Newark; 4 *John*<sup>2</sup>, b. 1643 at So'ton, d. before 1671; 5 *Abigail*<sup>2</sup>, b. 1644 mar. 1663, at Branford, John Davenport Jr. (son of Jno. Davenport, 1st minister of N. Haven); 6 *Grace*<sup>2</sup>, b. 1650 at Branford, mar. Sam. Kitchell (afterwards of Newark); 7 *Susanna*<sup>2</sup>, b. Dec. 1652 at Branford, mar. Jonathan Ball (of Stamford); 8 *Rebecca*<sup>2</sup>, b. 1654 at Branford, d. Nov. 1732, mar. Jos. Johnson (of Newark); 9 *Theophilus*<sup>2</sup>, b. 1659 at B. d. 1713 in Newark; 10 *Isaac*<sup>2</sup>; and 11 *Mary*<sup>2</sup>.

2 *Abraham*<sup>2</sup> *Pierson* (Rev. and rector) was b. 1641 at Lynn, Mass. and d. May 5, 1707 at Old Killingworth (now Clinton) Conn. He was with his fath. at So'ton, removed to Branford; while there mar. Abigail Clark (dau. of Geo. Clark of Milford): grad. at Harvard coll. 1668, and removed with his fath. to the new settlement of Newark. At that time the people of Woodbridge (a neighboring settlement in N. J.) sought the young Abr. as their pastor. But as his fath. was advanced in years, and in need of an assistant, the town at once secured young Abraham and settled him as colleague with Rev. Abraham, July 28, 1669. At the death of his fath. 1678, he became sole pastor, which office he filled till 1692: then he returned to Conn. In 1694 he became pastor of the ch. at Killingworth, which position he retained even after he was chosen pres. In 1701, when the wise fathers established Yale coll., 2 Abraham was made her president or "rector;" thus, for the last six yrs. of his life did he perform the duties of both pastor and rector. (See Note I.) Sprague, in his *Yale Coll. and its Alumni*, says: "And first comes Abraham Pierson (among the presidents) a man around whose character and history, the shadows of a century and a half have gathered, but who has still left memorials enough of his honorable and useful career, to insure immortality to his name. The cause of education he looked upon as twin-sister to the cause of religion; and hence he was identified with the project for establishing the college, and not only his high appreciation of learning, but his own liberal attainments, designated him as the proper man to be placed at the head. His death produced a double chasm, and both learning and religion wept beside his grave." Stearns says, "You perceive in him one of the best specimens of the first growth of the American colonies. And tradition represents him as an excellent preacher,

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Stearns, in his *Hist. of the First Presb. Ch. of Newark, N. J.*, says, "the early church records of Newark were lost, during the revolutionary war," whereby we are deprived of much interesting and important information. Besides this, the early town records of Newark were burned, whereby we are again left in ignorance of much that we would be glad to know.

and an exceedingly pious and good man." Trumbull says, "He had the character of a hard student, a good scholar, and a great divine. In his whole conduct he was wise, steady, and admirable: was greatly respected as a pastor, and he instructed and governed the coll. with general approbation." He was a portly, comely, and well favored man. While his father was a strict Independent, he was a Moderate Presbyterian. Two fine monuments have been erected to his memory, one in Old Killingworth (or Kennilworth), the other on the grounds of Yale coll., N. Haven.

He h. chd. 12 *Abraham*<sup>3</sup>, b. 1680 at Newark, d. 1752 at Clinton, Conn.; 13 *Sarah*<sup>3</sup>; 14 *Susanna*<sup>3</sup>; 15 *Mary*<sup>3</sup>; 16 *Hannah*<sup>3</sup>; 17 *Ruth*<sup>3</sup>; 18 *James*<sup>3</sup>; 19 *Abigail*<sup>3</sup>; 20 *John*<sup>3</sup>, b. 1689 at Newark, d. Aug. 3, 1770, at Hanover, N. J.

12 *Abraham*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* (Worshipful) was b. 1680, at Newark, mar. Mrs. Mary Hart, 1710, d. Jan'y 8, 1752. He was an old colonial magistrate, in Conn., of great learning and usefulness, and a pillar in the church and state. Died on Long Hill, in Killingworth. He h. chd. 24 *Jedediah*<sup>4</sup>, b. Sept. 17, 1711; 25 *Mary*<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 10, 1713; 26 *John*<sup>4</sup>, b. May 13, 1717; 27 *Phineas*<sup>4</sup>, b. Dec. 29, 1718; 28 *Samuel*<sup>4</sup>, b. Apr. 15, 1721, d. 1801; 29 *Dodo*<sup>4</sup>, b. 1724, d. Jan'y 19, 1796; 30 *Nathan*<sup>4</sup>, b. Mar. 24, 1726; 31 *Sarah*<sup>4</sup>, b. Aug. 8, 1728; and 32 *Sarah*<sup>4</sup>, b. July 9, 1732. These were all probably born at Killingworth, Ct.

28 *Samuel*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was b. Apr. 15, 1721, d. 1801, prob. at Killingworth. This family bore an important part in the town and church interests of old Killingworth. A godly, and scholarly ancestry was their inheritance. Samuel had chd. 50 *Submit*<sup>5</sup>; 51 *Lydia*<sup>5</sup>; 52 *Sarah*<sup>5</sup>; 53 *Samuel*<sup>5</sup>, b. July 29, 1750, d. 1801; 54 *Martha*<sup>5</sup>; 55 *Rachel*<sup>5</sup>; 56 *Sarah*<sup>5</sup>.

53 *Samuel*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* was born July 29, 1750, at Killingworth, and died in 1801, it being the same year in which his father died; mar. Rebecca Parmele, in 1773. He had chd. 79 *John Russell*<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 30, 1773, d. 1844; 80 *Lydia*<sup>6</sup>; 81 *Simon*<sup>6</sup>; 82 *Josiah*<sup>6</sup>, b. Mar. 19, 1781; 83 *John*<sup>6</sup>; 84 *Elizabeth*<sup>6</sup>; 85 *Philo*<sup>6</sup>; 86 *Thankful*<sup>6</sup>; 87 *Sally*<sup>6</sup>; 88 *Linus*<sup>6</sup>.

79 *John Russell*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Killingworth, Nov. 30, 1773, and died in 1844. In 1815, he emigrated from Conn., to the Genesee co., N. York, and there joined his five brothers who had preceded him, by a few years. He had chd. 124 *Luther G.*<sup>7</sup>; b. 1800, d. Nov. 26, 1862; 125 *Edwin*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1805, d. Mar. 12, 1867; 126 *Samuel Willis*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1813; 127 *John B.*<sup>7</sup>; 128 *Adolphus*<sup>7</sup>; 129 *Mary*<sup>7</sup>, d. 1829; 130 *Phileta*<sup>7</sup>.

126 *Samuel Willis*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* (Rev.) was born in Killingworth (now Clinton) Conn., in 1813. While young, he was brought to Genesee co., N. Y. In 1833, he mar. Aurilla Tullar. He is a minister of the gospel. "He has not been engaged in the sacred office, for several years, but is still an active member of the Cong. church, and



a man of weight and influence in the church and community. Of venerable appearance, exceptionally pure life and an amiable disposition, he is beloved by a wide circle of friends and acquaintance." He resides in Painsville, Ohio. He had chd. 187 *Samuel Fletcher*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1835; 188 *Mary E.*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1838 (w. of S. C. Hotchkiss, and has 3 chd.); 189 *Martha M.*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1839 (w. of S. E. Fink, and has 4 chd.).

187 *Samuel Fletcher*<sup>8</sup> *Pierson* was born 1835, mar. 1st, *Mary F. Bower* and 2d *Deborah I. McWade*. Now is in Cleveland, Ohio, connected with the C. C. C., and I. R. R.

81 *Simon*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* was born in Killingworth, Ct. In 1806-7, he and his four younger brothers emigrated to Genesee co., N. Y., which was then a "howling wilderness,"

"Where nothing dwelt but beasts of prey,  
Or men as fierce and wild as they."

He had chd. 131 *Philo*<sup>7</sup>; 132 *David M.*<sup>7</sup>; 133 *Clarkson*<sup>7</sup>.

82 *Josiah*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* (Rev.), was born in Killingworth (Clinton), Ct., on Mar. 19, 1781, and died Mar. 6, 1846, in Bergen, N. Y. In 1806, he emigrated, in company with his brothers, to Bergen, Genesee co., N. Y., where the remainder of his life was spent. He was a minister of the gospel; and had chd. 134 *Hamilton W.*<sup>7</sup>; 135 *Ebenezer*<sup>7</sup>; 136 *Josiah*<sup>7</sup>; 137 *Parmelia*<sup>7</sup> (w. of Henry Dibble, Bergen, N. Y.); 138 *Carlos*<sup>7</sup>.

134 *Hamilton Wilcox*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* (D.D.), was born at Bergen, N. Y.; educated at Union coll., and at Union Theo. sem.; was elected president of Columbia coll., Ky., 1858: is the author of *Jefferson at Monticello*, and the *Private Life of Thos. Jefferson*, and other works. He remained at his post, in Ky., till forced to leave, in the time of the rebellion. Now in western N. Y.

83 *John*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Killingworth (Clinton), Conn.; and emigrated to Genesee co., N. Y., in 1806-7. He had chd. 139 *Harlow W.*<sup>7</sup>; and one daughter.

85 *Philo*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Killingworth (Clinton), Conn., and emigrated, with his brothers, to Genesee co., N. Y., in 1806-7. He had chd. 140 *William*<sup>7</sup>; 141 *Daniel*<sup>7</sup>; and several daughters.

88 *Linus*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Killingworth (Clinton), Conn., and removed, with his brothers, to Genesee co., N. Y., in 1806-7. He had chd. 142 *Edward*<sup>7</sup>; and two daughters.

29 *Dodo*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* (Dea.), was b. 1724, at Killingworth (Clinton), Conn.; and died at the same place, January 19, 1796. Tradition says that a maiden aunt objected to having such a name as Dodo put upon the child; but her objections were overruled, and he was so named; and the name of "Dea. Dodo Pierson," now stands out bright and honored in the annals of old Killingworth. He lived during the revolutionary war, and took an active part in the service of his country. "It appears from a letter from Jeh'd Ward, that Dodo went down to Rye, Westchester co., N. Y., when the army

was encamped there, either as a volunteer in the service, or perhaps to make a visit to his son; at any rate, there being some call for more force, the old man took his musket and went on duty, as a sentinel. This led Mr. Ward to write as follows: 'I believe, that through the blessing of God, we shall have better times before long. I have seen your honored father a standing sentry, which made me feel otherwise, at first. But when I came to consider the grand cause he was in, I found myself rejoiced to think, that men of his rank and age, were willing to turn out.' He filled many important offices in town and church, and had chd. 57 *Abraham*<sup>5</sup>, b. 1756, d. May 11, 1823.

57 *Abraham*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* (Dea.) was born in Killingworth, Ct., 1756, and died there, May 11, 1823. He was treas. of the Sch. and Ecclesiastical societies, town clerk, selectman, justice of the peace for 32 yrs. and for 24 yrs. represented his town in the genl. assembly of the state of Conn., etc: but as the "good Deacon Abraham" he was best known. Indeed, it is said of him "that he was sometimes called judge, but he was very much displeased, when any one gave him a civil title, as he considered it greatly derogatory and very disrespectful to his title, which he regarded most highly, of deacon in the church." He took an active part in the revolutionary war, and was an officer in the army. Abraham the "faithful" would fitly apply to him. He had two chd. 89 *William Seward*<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 1788, d. July 16, 1860; 90 *Lydia*<sup>6</sup>, b. June 19, 1785 (w. of Rev. Hosea Beckley).

89 *William Seward*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* (M.D.) was born in Killingworth (Clinton), Conn. Nov. 1788 and died July 16, 1860. He was graduated at Yale coll. 1808 and studied medicine; recd. his M.D. at Dartmouth. He resided, the most of his life, at Windsor, Conn. where he was much beloved and prized as a physician, and as a citizen. His name Wm. Seward was after one of the former and honored inhabitants of old Killingworth.<sup>1</sup> He mar. Nancy Sargeant (dau. of Capt. J. Sargeant, of Hartford), 1814. (She died Sept. 17, 1863). They had chd. 143 *William Seward*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1815; 144 *Nancy S.*<sup>7</sup> (w. of R. P. Spalding, of Cleveland, O.), b. 1817; 145 *Lydia*<sup>7</sup> b. 1819 (w. of C. H. Dexter, of Windsor Locks); 146 *Olivia*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1820 (in Windsor, Ct.); 147 *Abraham*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1822, d. 1841; 148 *Jacob S.*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1824, d. 1827; 149 *Luther P.*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1826, d. 1827; 150 *Julia Ann*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1827 (w. of Rev. S. H. Allen, of Windsor Locks); and a babe.

143 *William Seward*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* was born at Windsor, Conn., in 1815; was graduated at Yale coll. in 1836; for many years counselor at law in New York city; and resided several yrs. in Sandusky, Ohio (where he was mayor of the city). He served nearly three yrs. in

<sup>1</sup> Killingworth was also the childhood home of Dr. Titus Coan, of the Sandwich Islands, and the great revivalist Asabel Nettleton; and Philander Parmelee.

the war of the rebellion; and had command of depot for confinement of rebel officers, and prisoners of war, of whom 7,000 were placed in his charge. He now resides in Windsor, Ct., and is an officer or director in different banks, Ins. Co., R. R. and canal, and manufacturing cos: is held in high repute in W. He mar. Mary E. Beers (dau. of Dr. T. Beers, of N. Haven, 1840).

20 *John<sup>3</sup> Pierson* (Rev.), was born in Newark, N. J., in 1689, and died in Hanover, N. J., Aug. 3, 1770, at the home of his son-in-law J. Greene. His early days were spent at Newark, under the instruction of his father. (Jonathan Dickenson, afterwards the talented and independent preacher of Elizabethtown, studied with him, under the care of Rev. Abraham Pierson, and was his firm friend for life.) He removed with his father to Conn., and graduated at Yale coll., in 1711. In 1714, he went to Woodbridge, N. J., to preach (where probably he was introduced by his friend Dickenson), where he was ordained over the Presb. ch. April 29, 1717,—“with a salary of £80 a year and the use of the parsonage.” He continued in charge there till 1752, “when (as Dr. A. Roe says) he was dismissed at his own request, in consequence of some difference arising between him and his people. He was, however, dismissed without the least censure or imputation upon his character or conduct. He was justly esteemed and reputed a worthy and able minister of the N. Testament, sound in faith; of exemplary conversation and candor, he well supported the dignity of his office, and had but few equals in his day in theological knowledge. It was in his time and by his influence that the congregation obtained a royal charter and was incorporated under the name of the “First Presb. Ch. of Woodbridge,” and did by their trustees take legal possession of a donation in land made them by the proprietors. “He was one of the first board of trustees of the coll. of N. J. He mar. Ruth (dau. of Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, of Hartford, Ct.) She died Jan’y 7, 1732, ag. 38, and was buried in Woodbridge. He removed from W. to Mendham, N. J., 1753, where he remained for 10 yrs. and preached the gospel. Mar. again J. Smith, and removed to her farm, on L. I. After her death he returned to N. J., and spent his declining days at Hanover, with his dau. Eliz. (w. of J. Greene), where he died, after a ministry of 56 yrs. He had chd. 33 Abraham<sup>4</sup>; 34 *John<sup>4</sup>*, b. 1723, d. 1772; 35 Wyllis<sup>4</sup>; 36 Abigail<sup>4</sup> (w. of — Graves, and h. ch. Ruth); 37 Anna<sup>4</sup>; 38 Elizabeth<sup>4</sup>, b. 1726 (w. of Rev. Jacob Greene, and mother of Dr. Ashbel Greene, the 8th pres. of Princeton coll.); 39 Margaret<sup>4</sup>; 40 Hannah<sup>4</sup>.

34 *John<sup>4</sup> Pierson* (M.D.), was born at Woodbridge, N. J., 1723, and died 1772, at same place, and was buried by the side of his mother. The inscription on his tombstone “In memory of Doct. John Pierson, who deceased Feb. 21, 1772, ag. 49 yrs. A sensible man and skillful physician.” Mary, his wife, died Aug. 14, 1792. He had chd. 58 Abigail<sup>5</sup>, d. 1773, ag. 17 yrs.; 59 Theodosia<sup>5</sup>, b.

1750, d. 1761; 60 Theodosia<sup>5</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1767, d. June 1793 (w. of Nath. Marshall).

3 Thomas<sup>2</sup> Pierson, Jr., was born at Southampton, L. I., in 1641-2, and died in Newark, N. J., before the year 1684. In childhood he removed with his father to Branford, Conn., where he mar. Mary Brown.<sup>1</sup> When his father and others of that colony removed to Newark, N. J., he also removed to the same place, where he had a house-lot of 6 acres set off to him. He had chd. 21 Abraham<sup>3</sup>, b. 1676, d. 1756-8; and possibly Samuel<sup>3</sup>.

21 Abraham<sup>3</sup> Pierson, was born in Newark, 1676, and died there in 1756 or 8. He lived on an allotment of land belonging to Thos. Pierson, Jr. He mar. Hannah — (b. 1676 and d. 1727), and had chd. 41 Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, b. 1701, d. 1783; 42 Abraham<sup>4</sup>, b. 1707, d. 1777; 43 Isaac<sup>4</sup>, b. 1718, d. 1803; 44 Mary<sup>4</sup> (w. of — Plum); 45 John<sup>4</sup>.

41 Benjamin<sup>4</sup> Pierson was born at Newark in 1701 and died in 1783. Removed from Newark to a tract of land called Piersonville, three miles east of Morristown on the road from Whippany to E. Hanover (now Madison), a portion of which land is now occupied by the R. Cath. convent and school. He owned a large and beautiful tract of land there, which he afterwards divided among his children, the most of whom settled thereon. "He was of size under the average, grave, and much respected for his religious character and solid worth." He mar. Patience Coe, who d. in 1785; and had chd. 61 Elijah<sup>5</sup>, b. 1728-30 d. 1795; 62 John<sup>5</sup>, b. 1731; 63 Sarah<sup>5</sup>, b. 1733 (w. of — Cook, and mother of Benj. Cook of Bottle Hill); 64 Benjamin<sup>5</sup>, b. 1736, d. 1794; 65 Moses<sup>5</sup>, b. 1738, d. 1768; 66 Isaac<sup>5</sup>, b. 1737, d. 1790; 67 Aaron<sup>5</sup>, b. 1746, d. 1803 (?); 68 Keziah<sup>5</sup> (w. of Dea. Munson); 69 Abraham<sup>5</sup>; 70 Daniel<sup>5</sup>, b. 1750, d. 1831.

61 Elijah<sup>5</sup> Pierson, was born 1728 or 30 in Newark or Piersonville, and settled on a farm near Greene village, N. J., and died in 1795, and was buried at Morristown. He had chd. 91 George<sup>6</sup>; 92 Moses<sup>6</sup> (who never married); 93 Benjamin<sup>6</sup>; 94 Sarah<sup>6</sup> (w. of — Crane); 95 Jane<sup>6</sup> (w. of — Durham); 96 Phebe<sup>6</sup> (w. of — Furnam).

91 George<sup>6</sup> Pierson, was born at Greene village, N. J., and had chd. 151 Sallie<sup>7</sup>; 152 Phebe<sup>7</sup>; 153 Betsey<sup>7</sup>; 154 John<sup>7</sup>; 155 Andrew<sup>7</sup>; 156 Furnam<sup>7</sup>.

93 Benjamin<sup>6</sup> Pierson, settled on a part of the original farm near Morristown, N. J., and had chd. 157 Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>; 158 Silas<sup>7</sup>; 159 Elijah<sup>7</sup>; 160 Mahlon<sup>7</sup>; 161 Julia Ann<sup>7</sup>; 162 Jane<sup>7</sup> (w. of Edwin Ford, of Morristown).

157 Ebenezer<sup>7</sup> Pierson had chd. 190 Sylvester<sup>8</sup>; 191 Eliza<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Farmer in his Gen. Register says "Thos. Pierson mar. Maria Taintor, of Branford." Both may have been correct.

158 *Silas*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, had chd. 192 *Delia*<sup>8</sup>.

159 *Elijah*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, had chd. 193 *Elizabeth*<sup>8</sup>.

62 *John*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born near Morristown, in 1731, and had chd. 97 *Catherine*<sup>6</sup> (w. of — Cook, and mother of Dr. *Silas Cook*); 98 *Mary*<sup>6</sup> (w. of I. Spaulding); 99 *Ruth* (w. of I. Spining).

64 *Benjamin*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born near Morristown, N. J., in 1736, settled near the old homestead, and died in 1794. His wife *Phebe*, died in 1799. He had chd. 100 *David*<sup>6</sup>, b. 1763; 101 *Hannah*<sup>6</sup>, b. 1794; 102 *Gabriel*<sup>6</sup>; 103 *Patience*<sup>6</sup>.

100 *David*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*,<sup>1</sup> was born in Morristown, N. J., in 1763, mar. *Abigail Thompson*, and had chd. 163 *Albert O.*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1791; 164 *Benjamin T.*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1793, d. 1862 (he mar. Mrs. P. Gale, and prepared the first *City Directory* of Newark); 165 *Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1795; 166 *Stephen*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1797; 167 *Mary Ann*<sup>7</sup> (w. of I. Bonen); 168 *Charles T.*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1804; 169 *Ira C.*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1806 (lived in N. Y. city, and mar. M. Garthwaite); 170 *Lewis C.*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1808 (he lived in Georgia).

163 *Albert O.*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, was born in 1791, mar. A. Garthwaite, resided in Newark, N. J., and had chd. 194 *Maria*<sup>8</sup>, (w. of — Headley); 195 — (w. of C. A. Dennis); 196 *Almira*<sup>8</sup> (w. of — Miller); 197 *William*<sup>8</sup> (went to N. Orleans); 198 *Jeremiah*<sup>8</sup> (went to N. Orleans).

165 *Jonathan*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, born 1795, mar. M. Carnes, and had chd. 199 *Abby*<sup>8</sup> (w. of M. Fields); 200 *Mary*<sup>8</sup> (w. of A. Ward); 201 — (mar. — Osborn).

166 *Stephen*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, born 1797, mar. S. A. Wheeler, in 1820, and had chd. 202 *Phebe*<sup>8</sup>; 203 *Ann W.*<sup>8</sup>; 204 *Joseph W.*<sup>8</sup> (a minister of the gospel, in Bristol, Pa.); 205 *James W.*<sup>8</sup>; 206 *Charles H.*<sup>8</sup>; 207 *Arthur Tappan*<sup>8</sup>; 208 *Mary Augusta*<sup>8</sup>.

205 *James W.*<sup>8</sup> *Pierson*, of New York city, had chd. 219 *James H.*<sup>9</sup>; 220 *Carrie E.*<sup>9</sup>.

207 *Arthur Tappan*<sup>8</sup> *Pierson* (Rev.), graduated at Hamilton coll., 1857, and Union Theo. sem.; mar. S. F. Benedict; at present pastor of a church in Detroit, Mich. He had chd. 221 *Helen M.*<sup>9</sup>; 222 *Laura*<sup>9</sup>; 223 *Louisa*<sup>9</sup>; 224 *Delavan*<sup>9</sup>; 225 *Anna*<sup>9</sup>; 226 *Edith*<sup>9</sup>.

168 *Charles T.*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, born 1804, mar. H. Coe, resided in Newark, and had chd. 209 — (w. of — Fields).

102 *Gabriel*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*,<sup>1</sup> had chd. 171 *Albert*<sup>7</sup>; 172 *Thompson*<sup>7</sup>; 173 *Stephen*<sup>7</sup>.

65 *Moses*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, born 1738, near Morristown, and died 1768, had chd. 104 *Keziah*<sup>6</sup>.

66 *Isaac*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, born near Morristown, at Piersonville, in 1737, died Aug., 1790, had chd. 105 *Darius*<sup>6</sup>; 106 *Penira*<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> See appendix at the end of this genealogy.

67 *Aaron*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born at Piersonville, near Morristown, 1746; he lived on his father's old homestead, and died about 1803. He had chd. 107 *Ebenezer D.*<sup>6</sup>; 108 *Charlotte*<sup>6</sup> (w. of Wm. Jones, and had 9 chd., of whom *Charlotte* mar. A. Canfield and *Louisa* mar. O. L. Kirkland), and d. 1846.

107 *Ebenezer D.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson, M.D.*,<sup>1</sup> was born in Morristown, N. J., studied medicine and practiced the same in Morristown till 1816, when he removed with his family to Cincinnati, Ohio. He died there in 1829, after a successful practice. He mar. *Phebe Day* (and possibly *Phebe*, the dau. of Abr. Canfield), and had chd. 174 *Mary Ann*<sup>7</sup>, d. 1825 (w. of — DeWitt, of Cincinnati); 175 *Nancy*<sup>7</sup> (w. of — Keyt); 176 *Sallie*<sup>7</sup>, d. 1846; 177 *Aaron Howell*<sup>7</sup>, d. 1875; 178 *Charlotte*<sup>7</sup>, d. 1831 (w. of — Robinson); 179 *Emily A.*<sup>7</sup>, d. 1847 (w. of — Orr).

177 *Aaron Howell*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* spent his early days in Cincinnati, and removed to Natchitoches, La., between 1825 and 1830, and mar. Mrs. Creighton (formerly M. G. Martin of R. I.) and had chd. 210 *Edward L.*<sup>8</sup>; 211 *Augusta L.*<sup>8</sup>; 212 *Percy S.*<sup>8</sup>; 213 *Aaron Howell*<sup>8</sup> (mar. M. A. Pierce, and now resides in Natchitoches); 214 *Emilie A.*<sup>8</sup>; 215 *Lelia T.*<sup>8</sup>; 216 *Eva M.*<sup>8</sup>; 217 *Charles D.*<sup>8</sup>; 218 *Horace L.*<sup>8</sup>.

The above 177 *Aaron Howell*<sup>7</sup> *P.* was for many years an eminent lawyer in La., and died in 1875 at Natchitoches.

70 *Daniel*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* was born in Morristown in 1750, and died in Dayton, Ohio, in 1831. "He served in the Jersey line of the continental army, and was present at the battle Monmouth. Early in the century, in order to educate his family, he moved to the village of Morristown and built the substantial house on the corner of South and Pine sts., now known as the Wood house, and not long after emigrated with his whole family, except Charles, to Dayton, Ohio." He mar. *Prudence King*, who survived him 6 yrs. He had chd. 109 *Clarissa*<sup>6</sup>, b. 1785 at Morristown, and d. 1863 at Cin. (w. of — Davies); 110 *Charles Edwin*<sup>6</sup>, b. 1787, d. 1865; 111 *John A.*<sup>6</sup>, b. 1789, d. 1811; 112 *William H.*<sup>6</sup>, b. 1791, d. 1820; 113 *Eliz. Ann*<sup>6</sup>, d. 1794; 114 *Henry A.*<sup>6</sup>, b. 1795.

110 *Charles Edwin*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson (M.D.)* was born in Morristown, in 1787.<sup>2</sup> "He commenced the practice of medicine in his native town, as a partner with Dr. *Ebenezer D. Pierson*. This gentleman soon after died, and his large practice fell into the hands of the young Dr. Chas. Edw. His health failed in consequence, and he repaired to London, where he resided 6 yrs. Then returned to N. York city and practiced medicine. In his later life, he became interested in the public schools of the city, and devoted much time to devising the best systems for carrying on the schools. He was an earnest

<sup>1</sup> Ebenezer D. Pierson graduated at Princeton coll. in 1791.

<sup>2</sup> Chas. Edw., graduate of Princeton coll. 1807.

Christian, and fond of nature and scientific studies." He mar. A. M. Shaw, and died in Bergen, N. J. in 1865. He had chd. 180 Clara Ann<sup>7</sup>, b. 1817, d. 1853 (w. of F. S. Howe); 181 Charles<sup>7</sup>, b. 1819, d. 1820; 182 *John Shaw*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1822<sup>1</sup> (mar. C. L. Tuthill, who is now deceased) now resides in New York city, and is well known in his connection with the Bible Society; 183 Charles E.<sup>7</sup>, b. 1825, (unmarried); 184 Amelia R.<sup>7</sup>, b. 1827 d. 1828; 185 Wm. H.<sup>7</sup>, b. 1830, d. 1831.

114 *Henry A.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born 1795 and died in Dayton, O., in 1874; had chd. 186 Daniel<sup>7</sup>, b. 1832, d. 1865 in Dayton, Ohio.

42 *Abraham*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Newark, 1707 and died 1777 in Morristown. He lived on a farm opposite his brother *Benjamin*, in Morristown; mar. Mary ——— (who died in 1782), and had chd. 71 Abraham<sup>5</sup>; 72 *Darius*<sup>5</sup>; 73 *Isaac*<sup>5</sup>, b. 1737, d. 1790; and some others.

72 *Darius*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, had chd. 115 Isaac<sup>6</sup>; 116 Joseph<sup>6</sup>.

73 *Isaac*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Morristown, in 1737 and continued to reside there till his death in 1790. He had chd. 117 *Darius*<sup>6</sup>; 118 Jacob<sup>6</sup>, d. 1770; 119 John<sup>6</sup>; 120 Abraham<sup>6</sup>, b. 1749, and d. 1771; 121 Phebe<sup>6</sup>; 122 Taphena<sup>6</sup>; 123 Eunice<sup>6</sup>.

43 *Isaac*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Newark in 1718, and died there in 1803. His life was spent in Newark; he mar. Sarah Ogden (b. 1718 and d. 1795), and had chd. 74 John<sup>5</sup>; 75 Uzal<sup>5</sup>; 76 Isaac<sup>5</sup>; 77 Hannah<sup>5</sup>.

45 *John*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* was born in Newark, and is known to have been an Episcopal clergyman, in lower New Jersey, and to have had chd. 78 Abraham<sup>5</sup>; and perhaps another.

9 *Theophilus*<sup>2</sup> *Pierson*, the 8th chd. of Rev. *Abraham P.*, was born at Branford, Ct., in 1659 and removed in childhood to Newark, N. J., where he mar. and made his residence. He died in 1713. Had chd. 22 *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup>, b. 1687, d. 1771; 23 *David*<sup>3</sup>, d. 1732.

22 *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* was born in Newark, N. J., in 1687, where he continued to reside, till his death in 1771. He mar. J. Ward (who d. 1731) and had chd. 46 Rebecca<sup>4</sup> (w. of ——— Lyon, and mother of Nathaniel, David and Joanna Lyon).

23 *David*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* born in Newark, where he probably lived, died in 1732, and had chd. 47 *Theophilus*<sup>4</sup>; 48 Mary<sup>4</sup>; 49 Susanna<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> John Shaw, graduate of Princeton in 1840.

## APPENDIX.

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100 *David*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* (of the family of Rev. 1 *Abraham*<sup>1</sup> *Pierson*) was born Aug. 29, 1763, and died Mar. 22, 1824. In Dec., 1789, he mar. Abigail Thompson (b. Jan'y 13, 1769, and d. Apr. 6, 1842), by whom he had chd. 163 *Albert O.*<sup>7</sup>, b. Jan'y 10, 1791, d. Oct. 14, 1862; 164 *Benjamin Thompson*<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 21, 1793, d. June 18, 1862; 165 *Jonathan*<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 2, 1795, d. Feb. 20, 1869; 166 *Stephen H.*<sup>7</sup>, b. Sept. 29, 1797, d. July 12, 1863; 167 *Mary Ann*<sup>7</sup>, b. Nov. 6, 1802, d. Oct. 13, 1862 (wife of Isaac H. Bruin of Chatham, N. J.); 168 *Charles T.*<sup>7</sup>, b. July 21, 1812, d. Jan'y 26, 1859; 169 *Ira C.*<sup>7</sup>, b. Apr. 26, 1816, d. 1872; 170 *Lewis C.*<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 14, 1808, d. 1869.

163 *Albert O.*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, b. Jan'y 10, 1791 and d. Oct. 14, 1862, mar. Abby Garthwaite, and lived in Newark, N. J. He had chd. 194 *Maria Smith*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1814, and d. Jan'y 1877; — *Julia Britton*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1817; 196 *Almira Parkhurst*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1820; — *David Lafayette*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1822, d. 1832; 197 *William Henry*<sup>8</sup>, b. Nov. 15, 1827 and now resides in New Orleans; 198 *Jerry Garthwaite*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1830, and now resides in New Orleans; — *Mary Virginia*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1836; and two others who died young.

164 *Benjamin Thompson*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, born Sept. 21, 1793 and died June 18, 1862, resided in Newark, N. J., and prepared the first "Directory of the city of Newark." He mar. Mrs. Gale, and had chd. *Paulina*.

165 *Jonathan*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, b. Oct. 2, 1795, d. Feb. 20, 1869, resided in Newark, N. J. He mar. M. Carnes, and had chd. — *Jane W.*<sup>8</sup>, b. April 5, 1818, d. Dec. 23, 1857; 200 *Mary Ann*<sup>8</sup>, b. Oct. 29, 1819, d. Oct. 13, 1855 (w. of A. Ward); — *Nancy B.*<sup>8</sup>, b. Sept. 14, 1821, d. young; 199 *Abby T.*<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan'y 19, 1823, d. July 15, 1859 (w. of M. Field); — *Sophia J.*<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 17, 1825, d. Nov. 20, 1835; — *Paulina G.*<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb. 6, 1828, d. Sept. 18, 1849; — *Stephen H.*<sup>8</sup>, b. Aug. 30, 1830, d. Sept. 12, 1851; — *Ira Burnet*<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 2, 1833, d. June 4, 1833; — *Charles H.*<sup>8</sup>, b. June 28, 1834, d. Nov. 12, 1854.

166 *Stephen H.*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, born Sept. 29, 1797, and died July 12, 1863, mar. S. A. Wheeler, and had chd. 202 *Phebe*<sup>8</sup>, d. young; 203 *Ann W.*<sup>8</sup>, (w. of Rev. I. P. Lemoy); 204 *Joseph W.*<sup>8</sup> (was an Episcopal clergyman in Ill.), now dec.; 205 *James W. J.*<sup>8</sup> (resides in N. York city and has 2 chd.); 206 *Charles Henry*<sup>8</sup> (resides in N. York city); 207 *Arthur Tappan*<sup>8</sup> (is pastor of a Cong. church in Detroit, Mich. He has 6 chd.); 208 *Mary Augusta*<sup>8</sup> (resides in Rochester, N. Y.).



168 *Charles T.<sup>7</sup> Pierson*, born July 21, 1804, died Jan'y 26, 1859, and resided in Newark, N. J. He mar. Hannah Coe, and had chd. — Edward<sup>8</sup> (killed in the late war); — Abby, Henrietta<sup>8</sup> (w. of — Baldwin); 209 Annie I.<sup>8</sup> (w. of M. Field); — Mary Adelaide<sup>8</sup>.

169 *Ira C.<sup>7</sup> Pierson*, born April 26, 1806, died 1872, and resided in New York city. He mar. Mary P. Garthwaite, and had chd. — John G.<sup>8</sup> (mar. Miss Valentine); — Augustus<sup>8</sup>, d. in 1876; — Caroline G.<sup>8</sup>.

170 *Lewis C.<sup>7</sup> Pierson*, born Aug. 14, 1808, died 1869, and resided in Georgia.

102 *Gabriel<sup>6</sup> Pierson* (of the family of Rev. 1 Abraham<sup>1</sup> Pierson) is supposed to have been older than his brother 100 David. He lived near Morristown, N. J., and died about 1812. He had chd. Matthias (who mar. and lived in Sussex co., N. J., and had 6 chd.); Eneas, died young; Sally (w. of Paul Day, of Chatham); Phebe; Mehitabel; Julia; the last three never mar. This does not correspond with the family of 171 Albert; 172 Thompson; 173 Stephen; as given in the records, but this in the appendix is probably correct.

## FAMILY OF HENRY PIERSON,

WHO EMIGRATED TO THIS COUNTRY IN 1640.

1 *Henry<sup>1</sup> Pierson* is first recorded at Southampton, on the eastern end of Long Island. He was one of the first and leading settlers of that town, in 1640. As the town was settled by a colony of some 40 families from Lynn, Mass., and as he mar. Mary Cooper from Lynn, it is evident that he had come from Lynn. In the same colony, and as its pastor came also Rev. Abraham Pierson. They both lived and labored in So'ton, till 1647; and it is *probable* that they were brothers, or other near kinsmen, and men of the same stamp. In 1647, Rev. Abraham joined the New Haven colony, at Branford, Ct; but Henry remained at So'ton, and was the progenitor of a large family, many of whom have lived and still live in that vicinity. From 1669 to 1680 he was clerk of Suffolk co. He died in 1680 or 1681, and had children, 2 John<sup>2</sup> (whose descendants are not traced<sup>1</sup>); 3 Daniel<sup>2</sup> (not traced); 4 *Joseph<sup>2</sup>*; 5 *Henry<sup>2</sup>*, b. 1652,

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"Col. Abraham Pierson was paymaster in Washington's army, the pay roll being still preserved in the family; and in the times that tried men's souls, when our fortunes and finances were at a low ebb, he paid the needy soldiers from his own private purse."

<sup>1</sup> I fear Miss P. is mistaken in saying 1 Henry<sup>2</sup>, had sons John and Daniel, as in all the lists of inhabitants of Southampton and in their records covering all sorts of transactions, no such names ever appear. Letters of administration on the property of 1 Henry<sup>2</sup>, who died intestate were granted to his widow Mary in Nov. 1681.—G. R. H.

d. 1701; 6 Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, d. 1731 (went to Elizabethtown, N. Jersey, to live, and it is probable that through him the Piersons of L. I. and N. J. were mingled. His line is not traced.); 7 *Theodore*<sup>2</sup>, b. before 1659; 8 Sarah<sup>2</sup>, b. Jan. 20, 1660. The widow of Henry Pierson afterwards mar. Rev. Seth Fletcher, with whom she went to Elizabethtown, N. J. Her son 6 Benjamin<sup>2</sup> accompanied her.

4 *Joseph*<sup>2</sup> Pierson (Lieut.), was born at Southampton, L. I.; was known as lieut.; was active in settling the new town; mar. Amy Barnes, Nov. 17, 1675 (she died in 1692), and had chd. 10. Amy<sup>3</sup>, b. Oct. 28, 1676; 11 *Henry*<sup>3</sup>, b. 1678; 12 Mary<sup>3</sup>, b. 1680 (wife of Jeremiah Culver, in 1700); 13 *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, b. 1682; 14 *Ephraim*<sup>3</sup>, b. 1687; 15 Samuel<sup>3</sup>, b. 1690.

11 *Henry*<sup>3</sup> Pierson, born in 1678, at So'ton, mar. A. Ludlow, and had chd. 23 Henry<sup>4</sup>, b. 1704; 24 William<sup>4</sup>, b. 1706; 25 *Azel*<sup>4</sup>, b. 1708; 26 John<sup>4</sup>, b. 1710; 27 Eli<sup>4</sup>, b. 1712; 28 Abigail<sup>4</sup>, b. 1714; 29 Amy<sup>4</sup>, b. 1716; 30 Samuel<sup>4</sup>, b. 1721.

25 *Azel*<sup>4</sup> Pierson, born 1708, in L. I., removed to Cumberland co., N. J., (that is, this Azel is supposed to be the one who removed to and lived in Cumberland co., and was the father of Dr. Azel Pierson, of that place, and his line will be given here), had either son or grandson. 67 *Azel*<sup>5</sup>, b. 1767, d. 1813.

67 *Azel*<sup>5</sup> Pierson, M. D., was born in Cumberland co., N. J., July, 1767, and died 1813.<sup>1</sup> "Little is known of his early life. His educational advantages, however, must have been of a superior order, since he manifested in later years not only a love for, but an intimate acquaintance with the highest branches of mathematics. After having been licensed as a practitioner of medicine, he mar., and settled in Cedarville. The house in which he lived still stands, though somewhat improved, since his day. He always visited patients on horseback, was considered a good rider, and very fond of the deer and fox hunts which were fashionable at that time, and a source of much amusement. Although somewhat uncouth in his manner and rough in speech, he nevertheless enjoyed very largely the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens. As a physician, he was abrupt and determined. Like many of the old time physicians he became interested at comparatively an early age in political matters. In 1804, he was appointed clerk of the county, and transferred his residence to Bridgeton, discharged the duties of his office for eight years. He still practiced medicine, in connection with his clerkship. It is related of him, in the early part of 1813, while visiting a patient with typhus fever, he contracted the disease, and died. The patient, who was a Christian man, recovered; and the doctor, who made no profession of Christianity, died. Father Osborne was heard to remark, 'what a happy circumstance it would have been if the patient and his doctor

<sup>1</sup> From Dr. Bateman's *History of the Medical Men of Cumberland Co.*

could have exchanged places. But our ways are not the ways of God." He lies interred in the graveyard of the Old Stone church; a plain marble slab alone marks his resting place." He had chd. 139 *Daniel Clark*<sup>6</sup>, b. 1792; 140 *Azel*<sup>6</sup>, b. 1795, and 141 *Matilda*<sup>6</sup>, b. 1795 (twins); 142 *Lucius Sayre*<sup>6</sup>, b. July 10, 1798, d. July 21, 1805; 143 *George*<sup>6</sup>, b. Sept. 11, 1800, d. July 14, 1805; 144 *Collin*<sup>6</sup>, b. Dec. 15, 1802, d. Aug. 1, 1805; 145 *Reuben*<sup>6</sup>, b. April 27, 1805, d. Oct. 3, 1805; 146 *Phebe Ann*<sup>6</sup>, b. July 20, 1809, d. Oct. 17, 1809.

139 *Daniel Clark*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, M.D., born Oct. 9, 1792, removed with his family from Cumberland co., N. J., to Jacksonville, Ill., in 1833; again, in 1850, removed to Augusta, Ill., where he died Jan'y 29, 1857. He h. chd. 293 *Azel*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1817; 294 *Phebe*<sup>7</sup>, b. Mar. 28, 1818 (w. of Samuel S. Clark, living in Bunker Hill, Ill.); 295 *Ruth*<sup>7</sup>, b. Oct. 26, 1819, d. July 31, 1833; 296 *Jeremiah*<sup>7</sup>, b. Aug. 16, 1821; 297 *Daniel*<sup>7</sup>, b. July 1, 1823; 298 *George*<sup>7</sup>, b. Dec. 14, 1824, d. 1825; 299 *George*<sup>7</sup>, b. May 10, 1826. 139 *Daniel Clarkson*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, mar. Naomi Nixon, 1816. She still lives, in Augusta, Ill.

293 *Azel*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, b. Jan'y 22, 1817, is a farmer, and lives in Augusta, Ill. He has chd. 462 *Lillie*<sup>8</sup> (w. of Rev. F. Mitchell, of Mo.); 463 *Henry*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1861.

296 *Jeremiah*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, born Aug. 16, 1821, resides in Jacksonville, Ill. He mar. Sarah E. Catlin, in 1847, and h. chd. 464 *Cornelia J.*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1847; 465 *Emma C.*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1849; 466 *Minnie A.*<sup>8</sup>; 467 *Willie*<sup>8</sup>; 468 *Daniel Elmer*<sup>8</sup>, b. Jan'y, 1856; 469 *Azel*<sup>8</sup>, b. Apr. 3, 1858; 470 *Mary Lois*<sup>8</sup>; 471 *James R. C.*<sup>8</sup>; 472 *Alfred W. E.*<sup>8</sup>; 473 *Bessie H.*<sup>8</sup>

297 *Daniel*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, M.D., born July 1, 1823, resides in Augusta, Ill., and has chd. 474 *Abby*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1847; 475 *Lawrence D.*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1854; 476 *Clark Morse*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1860; 477 *Paoli*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1869.

299 *George*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, b. May 10, 1826, graduated at Illinois coll., 1848, and at Andover Theo. sem., 1851; mar. Salome Dexter, 1851; went as a missionary of A. B. C. F. M., to the Choctaw Indians, but his health failed and his wife died, so he left the field in 1852. In 1854, he mar. again, Nancy A. Shaw, and went as a missionary to Micronesia, in 1854. Remaining there till 1860, his wife's health failed, and he returned to America. He took charge of a Presb. church at Brooklyn, Cal. for nine yrs.; and another Presb. ch. at Adel, Iowa, till Apr. 1871. In 1876, removed to Solomon, Kansas, where he now resides, and has charge of a Presb. ch. He h. chd. 478 *Salome Annette*<sup>8</sup>, b. 1856; 479 *George F.*<sup>8</sup>; 480 *Mary A.*<sup>8</sup>

After numbering this family, it was found that 139 *Daniel Clark*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* h. other chd. born after 299 *George*<sup>7</sup>, viz: Naomi<sup>7</sup> (d. young); Wm.<sup>7</sup>, b. 1830 (was a teacher among the Cherokee Indians, for a short time; returned to Jacksonville, and mar. L. Devee,

was about to return to his mission work, when he was taken sick and died, July 20, 1854); Matilda (d. young); Ruth, b. 1834 (w. of C. C. Palmer, Knoxville, Tenn., and now a widow); Henry M. (d. young); Naomi (w. of E. B. Sanner, Ill.); and Henry Martyn (d. young).

140 Azel<sup>6</sup> Pierson was born in Cumberland co., N. J. in 1795. He resided in Bridgeton, N. J., where he taught school. He died there September 18, 1824. He had chd. 301 Lucius C. (now lives in Camden, N. J.); 302 Matilda (w. of Mr. Bithiar; now a widow, in Cincinnati, Ohio).

141 Matilda<sup>6</sup> Pierson (twin sister with 140 Azel, mar. Rev. C. Foot, now pastor in Longmeadow, Mass., where she died, Dec. 1838).

30 Samuel<sup>4</sup> Pierson was born in 1721, L. I., and had chd. 68 Timothy; 69 Samuel.

68 Timothy<sup>5</sup> Pierson had chd. 147 James; 148 Charles; 149 Eli; 150 Timothy; 151 William.

147 James<sup>6</sup> Pierson had chd. 302 William; 303 James; 304 Henry; 305 Philetus; 306 Milicent (w of Wm. Wick).

303 James<sup>7</sup> Pierson had chd. 481 Edward; 482 Alice.

305 Philetus<sup>8</sup> Pierson had chd. 483 James H.; 484 Harriet; 485 Mary.

13 Joseph<sup>3</sup> Pierson was born 1682 at or near Southampton, L. I., and was prominent among the early settlers of that region. He had chd. 31 Joseph, b. 1707; 32 Sarah, b. 1709; 33 Phebe, b. 1711; 34 Benjamin, b. 1714; 35 Daniel, b. 1716; 36 Hannah. But their lines are not traced.

14 Ephraim<sup>3</sup> Pierson, born 1687, in L. I. at or near Southampton, is said to be either the father or grand father of 37 Ephraim (who mar. H. Barrett).

37 Ephraim<sup>4</sup> Pierson was mar. in 1754, at Windsor, Ct., to Hannah Barrett, a lady of French or Huguenot descent, "possessing more than ordinary good looks and gracefulness." They spelt their name Pearson. They had chd. 70 Hannah (w. of 1st R. Hendee and 2d Mr. June, who died in Leroy, N. Y.); 71 Annie, b. 1757 (died on the day appointed for her marriage); 72 Ephraim, b. 1759 (mar. in Vt. and had 4 chd. "He, in company with some others, took a drove of farm stock, said to be hogs, to Boston, chartered a ship to Havana, and while off the coast of the southern states they were captured and robbed by Spanish pirates. He remained south, ten yrs. acquired property, came back within 10 miles of his old home, and hearing that his wife had mar. again, returned and lived the remainder of his life at Charleston or Savannah. Years after, his son went south and found his grave"). 73 Jesse, b. 1761, d. 1837; 74 Benjamin, b. 1763, d. 1834; 75 John, b. 1765, d. 1812; 76 Joseph, b. 1767, d. 1843; 77 David, b. 1769, d. 1844.

73 Jesse<sup>5</sup> Pierson, born May 6, 1761, in Conn.; mar. L. Stevens,

of Wells, Vt., 1784 (who d. 1849), and died Jan'y 10, 1837. He came with his wife to Avon, N. Y., in 1805, there bought a farm of his brother, which he lived on till his death. A member of the Bapt. ch. He had chd. 152 *David*, b. 1785, d. 1853; 153 *Lydia*, b. 1786 (w. of C. Alexander), and d. 1861; 154 *Charlotte*, b. 1788 (w. of Ethan Allen); 155 *Clarissa*, b. 1792 (w. of N. Merrill); 156 *Hannah*, b. 1794 (w. of J. Richardson), d. 1831; 157 *Orra*, b. 1796 (w. of R. Perry); 158 *Amanda*, b. 1798 (w. of E. Judd), now lives in Mich.; 159 *Ephraim*, b. 1800 (killed by a horse, aged 13 yrs.); 160 *Hiram*, b. 1805, and now of N. Y.

152 *David*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born Mar. 27, 1785, in Vt.; mar. *Huldah Churchill*, 1811, and died June 17, 1853, at Avon. Had chd. 307 *Ruhamah*, b. 1811 (w. of S. D. Halsey, in Mich.); 308 *Margaret*, b. 1813, d. 1865; 309 *Adelia*, b. 1815 (w. of J. Smith, of Mich.); 310 *Ann J.*, b. 1816 (w. of J. Bainbridge, of Mich.); 311 *Charles C.*, b. 1818 (mar. M. Dutton); 312 *Jane L.*, b. 1819 (w. of D. Lacy); 313 *Mary E.*, b. 1821 (w. 1st of Dr. Drake and 2d J. Johnson); 314 *Laura*, b. 1823 (w. of B. E. Rust, of Mich.); 315 *Ephraim*, b. 1825 (mar. S. Merrill); 316 *Andromeda*, b. 1827 (now living in Leroy, N. Y.); 317 *Delos D.*, b. 1829 (mar. P. Duglass).

160 *Hiram*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, born Sept. 21, 1805, at Avon, where he still resides; mar. A. L. Hendee in 1827, and had chd. 318 *Annetta*, b. 1828 (w. of B. E. Stevens, now of Leroy); 319 *Hannah Amarillis*, b. 1831.

74 *Benjamin*<sup>5</sup> *Pearson*, born May 29, 1763, in Enfield, Conn.; mar. 1st *Anna Abbott*, in Vt. (who had one child, and both died); mar. 2d *Eliz. Smith*, in 1792, at Geneva, and died Nov. 27, 1834. He was the pioneer of his family of five brothers to the Genesee country, preceding them a few years; and in traveling became acquainted with his wife when stopping at her father's house, in Geneva, N. Y. He lived and died at East Avon; was a prominent member of the Baptist ch. there; and had chd. 161 *Clarissa*, b. 1793 (w. of T. Ward), d. 1848, in Avon; 162 *Anna*, b. 1795, d. young; 163 *John*, b. 1797, d. young; 164 *Eliz.*, b. 1799 (w. of Dr. G. Graves); 165 *Benjamin*, b. 1801 (mar. A. Arthur); 166 *Wm. S.*, b. 1806, in Hartford (now Avon) (mar. 1st, F. M. Arthur, in 1829, and 2d F. Ladd, in 1834); 167 *Temperance*, b. 1803 (w. of A. Gilbert), d. 1827; 168 *James Leonard*, b. 1808 (mar. *Eliz. King*), d. 1860; 169 *Barrett*, b. 1812, d. 1829 (is bur. beside his parents, in the field near the old homestead, now owned by Mr. Bristol).

166 *William S.*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, born April 21, 1806, in Avon; mar. 1st, F. M. Arthur and 2d, F. Ladd, in 1834, now resides in Flint, Mich.; a farmer, and of the Presb. ch. He had chd. 320 *Mary*<sup>7</sup>, b. 1831, at Avon; 321 *Maria S.*, b. 1835; 322 *Herman L.*, b. 1837 (mar. A. Jenks, of Mendon, N. Y.); 323 *Caroline*, b. 1839 (w.

of R. J. Garvin, of Leroy); 324 Wm. S., b. 1841, in Mich.; 325 Barrett, b. 1843, in Mich.; 326 James L., b. 1846, in Mich.

168 *James Leonard*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, born Oct. 17, 1808, mar. Eliz. T. King, 1832, died at Le Roy, 1860. (His wife was dau. of Rev. B. King, of Rockaway, N. J.) He had chd. 327 *James B.*, b. 1834 (mar. M. B. Stanley, and had chd. Gertrude and Stanley King), and was drowned at Albany, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1869; 328 Susan E., b. 1836 (w. of Dr. H. B. Doolittle, of Albion, N. Y.); 329 Benjamin B., b. 1846, d. young; besides a babe.

75 *John*<sup>5</sup> *Pearson*, born May 7, 1765, in Ellington, Tolland co., Conn.; mar. Rebecca W. Hull, 1789, in Schenectady, N. Y., and died Dec. 23, 1812 in Avon. (His wife was dau. of Capt. Sam. Waterous, and born in Killingworth, Conn., 1765, and the widow of Henry Hull; she outlived John Pearson, and then mar. Col. Sam. Blakeslee, and died in Penn. in 1861, at the age of 96 yrs.) John first lived in Duanesburg, N. Y., then removed to Hartford (now Avon) where in the "howling wilderness," he established his home. He built the first frame building, two stories high, which was named "John's industry and Rebecca's economy." Also built a store and established an extensive trade. A man of positive and decided character, and met with success in all that he undertook. He had chd. 170 Amanda, b. 1789, in Duanesburg (w. of W. T. Hosmer, now in Meadville, Penn.); 171 *Chandler* b. 1791 (mar. J. Clarke), d. 1853; 172 Olivia, b. 1792 (w. of 1st J. Brown and 2d G. Reynale, of Dansville, N. Y.); 173 *Horatio*, b. 1794 (mar. S. Turner, 1815) d. 1856; 174 Orrel, b. 1796 (w. of G. Clark, now of Clarkson, N. Y.); 175 Mary Ann, b. 1798 (w. of A. Hosmer, 1818), d. at Hartland, N. Y., 1857; 176 *John*, b. 1802; 177 Vashti Maria, b. 1803 (w. of Chas. B. Storrs, of Longmeadow, Mass., and mother of Henry M. Storrs of Brooklyn, N. Y.), d. 1839; 178 Henry, b. 1806 (mar. Grace Plumb, of N. Y.), d. in Texas.

171 *Chandler*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, b. in 1791 at Duanesburg, N. Y., mar. Jemima Clark; d. Jan. 1, 1853, and had chd. 330 Sophia M., b. 1814 (w. of T. B. Hosmer); 331 Erastus, b. 1815, d. 1840; 332 Hamden, b. 1817, d. 1851; 333 Albert H., b. 1819; 334 Mary Jane, b. 1821 (w. of Judge A. Brown, of Ogdensburg, 1843), d. in 1865; 335 Henry C., b. 1823; 336 Catharine M., b. 1827 (w. of Dr. Sherman, of Ogdensburg); 337 Van Rensselaer, b. 1829 (mar. 1st E. Vedder and 2d S. J. Vedder), now lives at Niagara, N. Y.; 338 Sarah, b. 1831 (w. of A. G. Coffin), now lives in Brooklyn, N. Y.; 339 Harriet E., b. 1835, d. 1866; 340 Edward E., b. 1839.

173 *Horatio*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, born Aug. 7, 1794, mar. S. Turner, 1815 (who died in 1850) and died Oct. 8, 1856. He was born at Duanesburg, and had chd. 341 Ashley, b. 1816 (mar. H. M. Carrington, 1864, and lives near Sacramento, Cal.); 342 Matilda, b. 1818, d.

1820 ; 343 Winfield S., b. 1820, d. 1864 (mar. E. Richardson, in 1858, and had 3 chd.). 344 Mary Ann, b. 1822 (w. of C. S. Lowell, in 1852), now in Cal. ; 345 Evelina, b. 1824 (w. of Dr. J. C. Spencer), d. 1856 ; 346 Thomas C., b. 1826 (mar. S. Isenbise, 1848) ; 347 Sarah, b. 1829 ; 348 John T., b. 1830, d. 1856.

176 *John*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, born Jan'y 23, 1802, at Avon, mar. 1st C. Tiffany, of Canada, and 2d C. F. Passage, of N. J. ; now resides in Danville, Ill. ; a lawyer there ; a graduate of Princeton coll. in 1824, licensed to practice law in 1832 ; went to Chicago, and then to Danville ; was elected judge of his district for 4 years, and state senator for 2 years ; and had chd. 349 Gustavus C., b. 1827, at Ravenna, Ohio (mar. H. P. Brown, 1864), now of San Francisco ; 350 George T., b. 1829, d. 1861 at Springfield, Ill. ; 351 Eliz. M., b. 1831 (w. of W. C. McReynolds, 1853, and had 8 chd.) ; 352 Adelaide C., b. 1845, d. young ; 353 Amanda H., b. 1846, d. 1864 ; 354 Fanny B., b. 1848 ; 355 Jennie B., b. 1852, d. young ; 356 Harriet M., b. 1854.

76 *Joseph*<sup>5</sup> *Pearson*, born Apr. 15, 1767, mar. 1 Sarah Waterous, 1789, and 2d C. W. Jenks, 1810, and 3d P. Wheelock, in 1836 ; and died in 1843. He came to Avon, N. Y., in 1797, with a wife and 4 chd. He took up first the farm afterwards owned by his bro. Jesse, and then the one in East Avon upon which he lived and died, at which place he was a prominent member of the Cong. Ch., and he kept a public house, many yrs., where he was widely known and highly respected. He had chd. 179 Catharine., b. 1791 at Duanesburgh (w. of 1s M. Hanna, and 2d D. Kneeland and 3d E. Bachelder), now resides upon her father's farm, at Avon, N. Y. ; 180 Clarendia, b. 1793 (w. of W. Martin) ; 181 Mary, b. 1794 (w. of W. Jenks), now lives in Mendon, N. Y. ; 182 Nancy, b. 1797 (w. of T. Hanna), d. 1817 ; 183 Maria, b. 1799 (w. of A. A. Bennett) now of Rochester, N. Y. ; 184 Welthy, b. 1801 (w. of G. G. Cook) now of Grand Blanc, Mich. ; 185 George, b. 1804, d. 1843 ; 186 Fred. Bushnell, b. 1806 ; 187 Bradley M., b. 1809 (mar. C. M. Whitbeck).

185 *George*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, born 1804 at Avon, mar. 1st D. Barrows, and 2d ——— in 1845, died 1857, and had chd. 357 Harriet P., b. 1831 ; 358 Geo. B., b. 1835 (mar. M. J. Wade) ; 359 Maria J., b. 1843, d. young.

186 *Fred. B.*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, born at Avon, Nov. 22, 1806, mar. F. J. Gibson, now an extensive farmer in East Avon ; and had chd. 360 Sarah, b. 1829 (w. of Rev. E. B. Walsworth formerly the Pres. of Female college, Oakland, Cal.) ; 361 Joseph K., b. 1831, d. young ; 362 Frances J., b. 1835 (w. of J. H. Brummajim) now of Mariposa, Cal. ; 363 Sabrina E., b. 1847, d. young.

187 *Bradley M.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierston*, born at Avon, Mar. 15, 1809, mar. C. M. Whitbeck, and had chd. ; 364 Sarah J., (w. of E. Cash), d. 1868 at Paw Paw, Mich. ; 365 Joseph P., mar. M. Pelton, d. 1869 at Decatur, Mich.

77 *David*<sup>5</sup> *Pearson*, born in Litchfield co., Conn., Oct. 6, 1769, mar., 1st H. Irish, in 1793, and 2d Mrs. Dewey; and died in 1844 at Canada West. He first moved to Cherry Valley, N. Y., and after two years to Avon, where he resided for 26 years, and then emigrated to Canada West. That country was then new and unsettled, and he kept a public house near the present city of Brantford. He had chd. 188 Ira, b. 1793, d. 1850; 189 Benjamin, b. 1796; 190 Olive, b. 1798, d. young; 191 Susannah, b. 1800, d. 1823 (mar. — Darling); 192 Sarah, b. 1802; 193 *Jesse*, b. 1804, d. 1865; 194 *David*, b. 1806; 195 Ann, b. 1808 (w. of N. Fowler), now lives in Canada West; 196 *John K.*, b. 1810; 197 Laura<sup>6</sup>, b. 1813; 198 Ephraim, b. 1815; 199 Joseph, b. 1817 (mar. L. Gear); 200 Eliz., b. 1819; 201 Hannah, b. 1822.

193 *Jesse*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, born Sept. 2, 1804, at Avon, mar. H. Slusser, and died 1865. His widow now resides in Mich. He had chd. 366 Susannah, b. 1831 (w. of J. Brason); 367 Egbert, b. 1833 (mar. M. Cain) served his country two years, in the war of the rebellion, and d. at City Point, Va., 1864; 368 Mary L., b. 1836 (w. of R. E. James); 369 Emeretta, b. 1852 (w. of F. M. James) in Mich.; 370 Sarah A., d. young.

194 *David*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, born 1806 in Avon, mar. A. Anderson, and had chd. 371 John Henry; 372 Hannah C. (w. of C. Bradfield); 373 James F.; all born in Ill.

196 *John K.*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson*, born at Avon, Sept. 26, 1810, mar. Roby —; and had chd. 374 Joseph W., b. 1835; 375 Lydia, b. 1836; 376 Seth W., b. 1839; 377 Lysander, b. 1841; 378 John A.<sup>7</sup>, b. 1844; 379 Lucy; 380 Sarah E.; 381 Jesse K. The members of this family have varied the spelling of their name, using both *Pierson* and *Pearson*.

5 *Henry*<sup>2</sup> *Pierson*, Col., was born 1652 at Southampton, L. I.: he mar. Susannah Howell and became one of the settlers of Bridgehampton, at which place he died in 1701. He was a member of the assembly from Suffolk co., 1691 to 1695 and from 1698 to 1701. He had the title of "col." (He may have been the *third* chd. of 5 *Henry*<sup>1</sup> instead of the fourth, as given here.) He had chd. 16 John, b. 1685, d. 1705; 17 *David*, b. 1688; 18 *Theophilus*, b. 1690, d. 1742; 19 *Abraham*, b. 1693; 20 *Josiah*, b. 1695, d. 1776.

17 *David*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson*, was born at Bridgehampton, L. I., in 1688 and spent his life in that vicinity. He had chd. 38 *Lemuel*, b. 1717; 39 *David*; 40 *John*.

38 *Lemuel*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was born on L. I. in 1717, and had chd. 78 *Lemuel*, b. 1744, d. 1821; 79 *David*, b. 1751, d. 1829; 80 *Isaac*, b. 1755; 81 *Henry*; 82 *Zipporah*.

78 *Lemuel*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1744 on L. I., and died 1821. He had chd. 203 *Henry*; 204 *Franklin*.

79 *David*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* (Capt.), was born 1751, on L. I., and died 1829. He was known as "capt." and probably was in the service



of his country, during the Revolution. He had chd. 205 *Jesse*, b. 1780, and d. 1840.

205 *Jesse*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1780, on L. I., and died in 1840. He had chd. 382 David, b. 1801 (now resides in Bridgehampton, L. I.); 383 George; 384 Robert; 385 James.

80 *Isaac*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1755, on L. I. In 1788, he removed to N. Jersey, and settled on a tract of land near Morristown, which is now known as Piersonville. He was commonly called "Long Island Pierson" to distinguish him from the other Pierson families of N. J. He had chd. 206 *Elisba*, b. 1781; 207 Eleazar, b. 1785; 208 *Maltby G.*, b. 1795; 209 *George*; 210 *Henry*; 211 Miller; 212 *Isaac*.

206 *Elisba*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born on L. I. in 1781, removed with his father to N. J., when a child, and resided in Morristown (or Piersonville), and had chd. 386 John; 387 Sidney; 388 Eliza; 389 Harriet; 390 Hannah.

208 *Maltby G.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1795, in N. J., at Piersonville, mar. S. Voorhees, and lived in N. J. He had chd. 391 Isaac N. (mar. R. Post); 392 Aaron (mar. S. Birch, and has a daughter Mrs. Dr. Cooper, of Westfield, N. J.); 393 Charles J. (mar. M. Cobert); 394 Henry W. (mar. M. Budd); 395 David L. (mar. E. Berry); 396 Maltby G. (mar. C. Muchmore); 397 Allen H. (never mar.); 398 Wm. (never mar.); 399 Mary Ann; 400 Hannah N.; 401 Harriet; 402 Ellen C.; 403 Sarah L.; and one other daughter.

209 *George*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born in N. J., had chd. 404 Oliver; 405 Miller; 406 Eliz.; 407 Temperance. This family said to be of California.

210 *Henry*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born in N. J., had chd. 408 Charles; 409 Caroline.

212 *Isaac*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born in N. J., had chd. 410 Edward; 411 Henry; 412 Cecilia; 413 Eliza; 414 Mary.

18 *Theophilus*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1690, at Bridgehampton, L. I., and died 1742. He had chd. 41 *Henry*, b. about 1720, d. 1783; 42 *Nathan*, b. 1723, d. 1826; 43 *Stephen*, b. 1729, d. —

41 *Henry*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was born about 1720, and died in 1783. He had chd. 83 *Shadrach*; 84 *James*, b. 1750.

83 *Shadrach*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born on L. I., and removed from there to N. J., in 1770, and again to N. Y. state, in 1785. He mar. 104 Rebecca Pierson (dau. of 51 *Sylvester*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, of N. J.); and had chd. 213 Henry; 214 *Moses*; 215 *James*; 216 *Joseph*; 217 *Rufus*.

214 *Moses*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, settled at Charleston, Montgomery co., N. Y. and had chd. 415 *Henry*; 416 *David*; 417 *Nelson*.

415 *Henry*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 486 Elizabeth (mar. twice, and both times physicians); 487 *Moses* (died in N. J., was a physician; left a widow in Bristol, Pa., and had chd. Bowen, Wm. H. and

Ely F.); 488 Wm. B. (now resides in Brooklyn N. Y., in which place he is a physician).

416 *David*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 489 Emily.

417 *Nelson*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 490 Carrie; 491 Frank.

215 *James*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 418 Hial; 419 Isaac; 420 Rufus; 421 Samuel.

216 *Joseph*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 422 John; 423 Joseph; 424 Rufus; 425 George.

217 *Rufus*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* lived in N. Y. state, and had chd. 426 *Henry R.*; *A. Judson*; 428 David Augustus.

426 *Henry R.*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* resides in Albany, N. Y., and has chd. 492 Ida; 493 Henry.

427 *A. Judson*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, now resides in New York city, a business man, and has chd. 494 Sarah; 495 William; 496 Frank.

84 *James*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* was born in 1750, on L. I.; and had chd. 218 Sylvester.

42 *Nathan*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, Capt. was b. 1723, on L. I., and removed from L. I., about 1765 to Richmond, Mass., where he established and operated a large and profitable tannery, till the time of his death. He mar. Abigail —; and died in 1826. He had chd. 85 *Nathan*; 86 *Zechariah*, b. 1750 d. 1827; 87 Sarah; 88 *Jeremiah*.

85 *Nathan*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* resided in Richmond, Mass., at which place he was post-master, till 1828; he had chd. 219 Jerusha; 220 David; 221 Sanford; 222 *Nathan*; 223 J. Sayre; 224 Franklin; 225 Lucy; 226 Eliz.; 227 Catherine; 228 John R.; 229 Sylvanus.

222 *Nathan*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 429 John D.; 430 Robbins; 431 Sarah.

86 *Zechariah*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* was born 1750, and died Nov. 15, 1827, at Richmond, Mass., at which place he was justice of peace. He had chd. 230 *James*; 231 Jerusha; 232 *Silas*; 233 Ketura; 234 Sarah; 235 Mary; 236 Alvah; 237 *William*; 238 Henry; 239 *Myron*; 240 Lucinda.

230 *James*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 432 Franklin; 433 Sarah; 434 James H.; 435 Nathan.

232 *Silas*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 436 Zechariah; 437 Charles.

237 *William*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 438 Edwin D.; 439 Levi R.; 440 Albert.

239 *Myron*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 441 Douglas.

88 *Jeremiah*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 241 *Silas*; 242 Henry; 243 *Jeremiah*; 244 Jerusha; 245 Mary; 246 Laura; 247 James.

43 *Stephen*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* was born in 1729 and had chd.; 89 *Theophilus* b. 1743; 90 *Elias*.

89 *Theophilus*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* was born in 1743 and had chd. 248 *Elias*; 249 *Charles*; 250 *Jeremiah*; 251 *Paul*; 252 Harvey; 254 Solon.

249 *Charles*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 442 Henry.

251 *Paul*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 443 James F.; 444 Chas. F.

90 *Elias*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 254 *Jeremiah*.

19 *Abraham*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* was born at Bridgehampton, L. I., in 1693, and mar. Prudence ———, by whom he had chd. 44 *Matthew*, b. 1744; 45 *Zebulon*; 46 *Silas*; 47 *William*.

44 *Matthew*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* was born in 1744, and had chd. 91 *Hiram*; 92 *Silas*.

45 *Zebulon*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* (was prob. the 2d ch. of 19 *Abraham*, though may have been the 4th ch.) had chd. 93 *John*; 94 *Abraham*; 95 *D. Williams*.

94 *Abraham*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 255 *Hunting*; 256 *Ruth*; 257 *Isaac*; 258 *Eliphalet*.

95 *D. Williams*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 259 *Nathan*; 260 *John*; 261 *Stephen*.

20 *Josiah*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* was born at Bridgehampton L. I., in 1695, and died 1776. He was mar. four times, and had 17 chd. *Martha*, his last wife, died 1776. His chd. were 48 *Silas*; 49 *John*; 50 *Matthew*, b. 1725 d. 1798, and 51 *Sylvanus* (who were twins) b. 1725 d. 1785; 52 *Paul*; 53 *Timothy*, b. 1731; 54 *Josiah*; 55 *Martha* (w. of S. Jagger); 56 *Joseph* (mar. Miss Veley, and died in N. Y. city); 57 *Benjamin*; 58 *Susanna* (had chd. *Susan* and *Martha*; the latter mar. — *Osborne*); 59 *John*; 60 *Jeremiah*; 61 *Henry*; and 3 little chd.

48 *Silas*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 96 *Silas*; 97 *William*; 98 *Martha*; 99 *Sarah*.

50 *Matthew*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* was born 1725 and died 1798. Twin with *Sylvanus*. He had chd. 100 *Lucretia* (w. of Caleb Russell, of Morristown, N. J. and had 9 chd.); 101 *Henry*.

101 *Henry*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* resided in Richmond, Mass. and had chd. 262 *Sophia*; 263 *Josiah*; 264 *Eliz. M.*; 265 *Harriet*; 266 *Joseph*. This family spelt their name *Peirson*.

263 *Josiah*<sup>6</sup> *Peirson* was born at Bridgehampton, L. I., and had chd. 445 *Mary H.*; 446 *Henry M.*; 447 *Sarah A.*; 448 *Melissa*; 449 *Abby*; 450 *Phebe S.* (also *Joseph J.*, though unnumbered.)

446 *Henry M.*<sup>7</sup> *Peirson*, resides at Pittsfield, Mass., a dealer in hardware there; and had chd. 497 *Henry R.* (who is in the hardware business with his father, in Pittsfield, Mass.) 498 *Hattie E.*; 499 *Fanny F.*; 500 *Joseph E.*; 501 *Wm. R.*; 502 *Frank E.*; 503 *Mary L.*

51 *Sylvanus*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* mar. *Rebecca Lupton* (dau. of David Lupton, of Boston); Mrs. P. died July 9, 1785, aged 59 years. He had chd. 102 *Sarah* (w. of — *Hildreth*, and had 4 chd.); 103 *Margaret* (w. of — *Jermain*, and had 9 chd.); 104 *Rebecca* (w. of 83 *Shadrach*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, and had 5 chd.); 105 *Martha* (w. of James *Pierson*, and had son *Sylvanus*).

52 *Paul*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, had chd. 106 *John* (of N. Y.); 107 *Josiah*; 108 *Benjamin*; 109 *Alanson*; 110 *David*; 111 *Susan*; 112 *Mary*; 113 *Sally*; — (and perhaps another).

53 *Timothy*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was born in 1731 and had chd. 114 *Mary* (w. of — *Hand*, and had 3 chd.); 115 *Susan*.

57 *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, mar. Sarah Gilbert, of Newark, N. J.; removed to and lived in Richmond, Mass., also lived in N. Y. city, and died at Ballston, N. Y. He had chd. 116 Jeremiah b. 1766 (who resided at Ramapo, N. Y., and had a family of chd. the most of whom now reside in Ramapo, the sons being in the iron business). 117 Gilbert; 118 Caleb; 119 Isaac (of N. Y.); 120 Lydia (w. 1st of Mr. Dean and 2d of Mr. Ballard; 121 John; 122 Mary (w. of Mr. Ballard); 123 Joseph (dead); 124 Sarah (w. of Mr. Watrous).

7 *Theodore*<sup>2</sup> *Pierson*, was born at Southampton, L. I., and had chd. 21 *Job*, b. 1697, d. 1788; 22 *John*.

21 *Job*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1697, and died 1788, and had chd. 62 *Lemuel*, b. 1723; 63 *David*.

62 *Lemuel*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1723, and had chd. 127 *Samuel*, b. 1753; 128 *William*, b. 1762.

127 *Samuel*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born at Bridgehampton, L. I., Jan'y 1, 1753; mar. Jerusha Conklin, Dec. 17, 1778; and died Oct. 13, 1838. He had chd. 271 Joanna, b. at B. Hampton, L. I., Mar. 1, 1780 (w. of Ebenezer White); 272 Samuel Dayton, b. at B. Hampton, L. I., Oct. 4, 1786, and died there (leaving no children); 273 Esther, b. at B. Hampton, Aug. 24, 1789 (w. of D. H. Haines) dead; 274 *Job*, born 1791, died 1860; 275 Mary, b. at B. Hampton, Nov. 10, 1794 (w. of Sam. Huntting Pierson, in 1815).

274 *Job*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born at Bridgehampton, L. I., Sept. 23, 1791, and died Apr. 9, 1860; mar. Clarissa T. Bulkeley, of Williamstown, Mass., Sept. 24, 1815; Mrs. P. died 1865. They had chd. 451 Sarah Jerusha, b. at Schaghticoke, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1816 (w. of Philip T. Heartt, of Troy, N. Y., in 1839, and had 8 chd.), died at Bloomfield, N. J., Jan'y 21, 1866; 452 Samuel Dayton, b. 1819, d. 1850; 453 *Job*, b. 1824; 454 Mary Bulkeley, b. Aug. 18, 1825, at Schaghticoke, N. Y. (w. of Oscar F. Winship, U. S. A., and had one son); 455 *John Bulkeley*, b. 1828.

453 *Job*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, Rev., b. at Schaghticoke, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1824; graduated from Williams college 1842, and at Auburn, theo. sem. in 1847; ordained to the ministry in 1851. He mar. Rachel W. Smith, Feb. 7, 1849, at Geneva, N. Y. He now resides in Ionia, Mich., and is pastor of a church there. He had chd. 504 Clarissa Taintor b. at Troy, N. Y., Sept. 15, 1850 (w. of B. Chew of N. Y. city); 505 Samuel Dayton, b. at Pittsford, N. Y., Oct. 1852; 506 John W. Smith, b. at Pittsford, 1854; 507 Bowen Whiting b. at Victor, N. Y., 1858; 508 Philip T. Heartt, b. at Victor, 1859.

455 *John Bulkeley*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, b. at Schaghticoke, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1828 (m. Mary Lockwood), now resides in Troy, N. Y.; had chd. 509 Mary L., b. Oct. 25, 1863, and d. April 13, 1867.

128 *William*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* was born 1762 and had chd. 276 Terril; 277 Alfred, b. 1793; 278 Thos. Jefferson; 279 Hiram.

63 *David*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 129 David.

- 22 *John*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 64 *Daniel*; 65 *Stephen*; 66 *Jedediah*.  
 64 *Daniel*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 130 *Job*, b. 1758; 131 *John*, b. 1772 d. 1853.  
 130 *Job*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, b. 1758, had chd. 280 *James*; 281 *Halsey*; 282 *Alanson*.  
 131 *John*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, b. 1772, d. 1853, and had chd. 283 *Nathaniel*; 284 *John*; 285 *Daniel H*.  
 65 *Stephen*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 132 *James*; 133 *John*.  
 66 *Jedediah*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 134 *Caleb*, b. 1764 d. 1834; 135 *Daniel*; 136 *Peleg*; 137 *Andrew*; 138 *Gordon*.  
 134 *Caleb*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, b. 1764, d. 1834, had chd. 286 *Theodore*.  
 138 *Gordon*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* had chd. 287 *Elibu* b. 1734; 288 *Theodore*; 289 *Peleg*; 290 *Mary* (of N. J.); 291 *Esther* (lived with *Elibu* at the time of his marriage); 292 *Joseph*, d. 1755.  
 287 *Elibu*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born Aug., 1734, at Southampton, L. I., came to Orange, N. J., from L. I., and taught school there. He mar. *Catherine Baldwin*, of Orange, N. J., and had chd. 456 *Hannah*, b. Jan. 13, 1762; 457 *Stephen*, b. Jan. 5, 1764; 458 *Silas*, b. Apr. 16, 1766 d. 1787; 459 *David* b. Mar. 7, 1769; 460 *Daniel*, b. Sept. 22, 1772; 461 *Phebe*, b. Aug. 25, 1776 (w. of *Stephen Dodd*), d. 1815. This family born on L. I.  
 459 *David*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, born Mar. 7, 1769, mar. 90 *Joanna Pierson* (of the family of 1 *Thos.*<sup>1</sup> *Pierson*), thereby uniting the Newark with the L. I. branch. He had chd. 510 *Eliz.*, b. 1795; 511 *Phebe*, b. 1797; 512 *Aaron*, b. Mar. 22, 1802; 513 *David Austen*, b. 1808; 514 *Geo. Ambrose*, b. 1812.  
 512 *Aaron*<sup>8</sup> *Pierson*, b. Mar. 22, 1802, mar. *Mary Cook*, of Caldwell, and had chd. 515 *Phebe J.*, b. 1830; 516 *David Munroe*, b. 1832; 517 *Theodore Francis*, b. 1834, (mar. *M. C. Dodd*, of Bloomfield, and lives in Orange, N. J. He has 5 chd.)

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### FAMILY OF THOMAS PIERSON, SEN.,

IN BRANFORD, CONN., BEFORE 1662.

1 *Thomas*<sup>1</sup> *Pierson, Sen.*, is first recorded in America, at Branford, Conn. The Town Records of B. say, "Thos. Pierson, mar. Maria Harrison, both of Branford, Nov. 27, 1662." At B. he was closely associated with Rev. *Abraham*<sup>1</sup> *Pierson*, and in all probability they were brothers, who had together or near the same time, left old Eng. and sought a home of religious freedom in the new world. Our records of Thomas are meager. He was a weaver; and no doubt quietly tended his loom; and while the coarse home-spun steadily formed under his hand, he was ready to bear his full share of the burdens devolving upon the settlers of a new country. Unwilling to unite with the Conn. colony, for the same reason as that

held by Rev. Abraham (see article under Rev. Abraham), he was one of the company of "Signers, at Branford, Oct. 30, 1666, of the agreement on the part of Heads of Families, for their removal to Newark, N. J." Accordingly, that fall, he, with a large proportion of the Branford people, and Rev. Abr. at their head, removed to the shore of the Pesayak (Passaic) river, where they purchased land of the Indians (see note D.) and again established their church and home. This time it was permanent. Thomas took his six acre home-lot (to which each settler was entitled) on what is now the center of the city of Newark, N. J. He was made townsman, 1677, constable, 1679, and grand juryman, 1680. Thus while Abraham led the band of emigrants in their spiritual interest, Thomas was active in discharging *official* duties. He is said to have appraised the property of Rev. 1 Abraham<sup>1</sup> in 1678, whose will he witnessed, 1668. His own will is dated 1698, and was proved in 1701, (see note E). Inasmuch as *two* persons named Thos. Pierson were associated with the Rev. Abraham Pierson, at Branford and at Newark, some confusion as to their relation has existed. But Thomas Jr., who d. before 1684, was the son of Rev. Abraham; while the subject of this article, Thomas Sen., must have been a brother (some think a nephew) of Rev. Abraham. He h. chd. 2 Samuel, b. 1663, d. 1730; 3 Hannah; 4 Eliza; 5 Abigail; 6 Mary (w. of Sam. Lyon); 7 Thomas, b. 1678, d. 1758.

2 Samuel<sup>2</sup> Pierson, born at Branford, Ct., 1663, when 3 years old was brought to Newark, N. J., by his parents. He mar. Mary Harrison (dau. of his uncle Serg. Richard Harrison), who was born 1664 and d. 1732. He removed to Orange, and was a carpenter. In all probability he and his sons were the builders of the old 1st Pres. church of Orange; he was also one of the leading men of that church as Deacon. He d. March 19, 1730, and was bur. in the "old graveyard, with an honorable memorial"; and had chd. 8 Joseph, b. 1693, d. 1759; 9 Samuel, b. 1698, d. 1781; 10 James (who removed to Lake Champlain, N. Y., and d. there leaving son Moses); 11 Daniel (judge), b. 1703, d. 1777; 12 Caleb; 13 Jemima; 14 Mary; 15 Hannah. (Written Samuel Pierson on his tombstone.)

8 Joseph<sup>3</sup> Pierson, b. 1698, d. 1759, mar. Hepzibah Camp (b. 1696, d. 1769) lived and died in Orange, N. J., and had chd. 18 Sarah, (w. of Tim. Meeker and mother of Jos. Meeker and Mrs. Isaac Smith), d. 1737; 19 Jemima (w. of Benj. Munn); 20 Patience (w. of Joseph Pierson); 21 Bethuel, b. 1721, d. 1791; 22 Joseph; 23 Eliz.; 24 Mary (last 3 d. y.); 25 Eliz., b. 1735, d. 1763 (w. of — Taylor).

20 Patience<sup>4</sup> Pierson, mar. Joseph Pierson, who bought land 2 m. W. of Morristown, N. J., 1741, and settled there. (Since the line of Jos. P. is unknown, we will give his chd., and grand chd. here. Joseph had chd. 1 Joseph, 2 Jonathan, 3 David, 4 Bethuel. Of these 1 Joseph, had chd. Ezekiel, Joseph and Timothy.

3 *David*, had chd. *Lewis*, sen., b. 1800, now lives in Morristown (the father of Wm. A., John, Edward E. and L. Harvey); *Elias* (father of Jesse and Amzi of Morristown); *David* (father of David A., of Ohio); Silas; *John* (father of David Augustus of Ind.); and Phebe.

4 *Bethuel*, had chd. Sarah and Isaac, and perhaps others. He mar. Rachel Day, and lived in Morristown.

21 *Bethuel*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* (Dea.), b. 1721, d. 1791, mar. 1st Eliz. Riggs (b. 1725, d. 1776), and 2d Widow Taylor. He was ruling elder of the old 1st ch. of Orange, the last 23 yrs. of his life, and a leading member of the community. He was buried in the old grave yard at Orange. He contributed toward the 1st ch. parsonage, 1748. During his life, the 2d house of the 1st Pres. ch. was built, 1754. In 1786, the Orange academy was established; of which Dea. Bethuel was one of the trustees. He h. chd. 53 *Joseph*, b. 1754, d. 1835; 54 *Cyrus*, b. 1756, d. 1804; 55 Rhoda; 56 Mary.

53 *Joseph*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, b. 1754, d. 1835, mar. 1st Han. Baldwin (d. 1802), and 2d Rebecca Campbell. They lived in So. Orange, on his farm; he was made ruling elder in the old 1st ch. of Orange. after his father's death, 1791, which office he retained till his own death in 1835.\* He h. chd. 104 Betsey (w. of E. Gildersleeve); 105 Nancy (w. of J. Davie of Ky.); 106 *Bethuel*; 107 *Calvin*; 108 Sarah; 109 Rachel; 110 Joseph.

106 *Bethuel*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, mar. Eliz. Crowell, and h. chd. 238 Hannah (w. of — Henderson); 239 *John*, of Ill. (who h. chd. Bethuel, Major Lucius, Eliz.; Harriet, William, John and C. Davie, of 8th gen.); 240 Emily (w. of — Pye).

107 *Calvin*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, mar. S. Stockton, and h. chd. 241 William; and 242 Matilda.

54 *Cyrus*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, *M.D.*, b. 1756, at So. Orange, d. 1804, mar. Nancy Pierson (dau. of Dr. Matthias P.). Grad. of Princeton coll., 1776; studied medicine under Dr. Darcy; practiced in So. Orange; afterwards removed to Caldwell, and practiced there, four yrs.; then to Woodbridge, where he had an extensive practice, till his health failed; then he repaired to Newark, where he associated with himself Dr. S. Hays, with whom he continued to practice till his death, in 1804. He was buried in the old cemetery at Orange; but when the Rosedale Cem. was opened there, his remains, with others of his family, were removed to it. He h. chd. 111 Horace, b. 1791, d. 1814; 112 Harriet, b. 1793; 113 Sarah D., b. 1796, d. 1852; 114 Charlotte, b. 1798, d. 1839; 115 Caroline R., b. 1800, d. 1851; 116 Charles, b. 1802, d. 1829; 117 *Cyrus*, b. 1804, d. 1862.

117 *Cyrus*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, b. 1804, d. 1862, h. chd. 243 Charles;

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\* During his life, Rev. Asa Hillyer was made pastor of the old 1st ch. in 1801. And, 1806, the township of Orange was set off from the township of Newark. In 1813, the present structure of the old 1st ch. was erected. In 1829, St. Mark's Epis. ch., was consecrated. And 1831, the 2d Pres. ch. and South Orange Pres. ch., were organized.

244 Adolphus ; 245 Wm. Holmes ; 246 Caroline R. ; 247 Harriet ; 248 Eliza H. ; 249 Angeline C. ; 250 Anna A. ; 251 Cyrus F.

9 Samuel<sup>3</sup> Pierson, b. 1698 d. 1781, mar. Mary Sargeant (b. 1700 d. 1779). He was born at Orange, and lived all his life between the mountains, tilling the soil. He had chd. 26 Eunice (w. of I. Williams) ; 27 Rebecca (w. of Jotham Condit) ; 28 Samuel, d. 1751 ; 29 John ; 30 Matthias, b. 1734 d. 1809 ; 31 Mary (w. of Nat. Williams) ; 32 Joseph ; 33 Joanna (w. of Jos. Taylor) ; 34 Zenas.

28 Samuel<sup>4</sup> Pierson, who died 1751 mar. Phebe Harrison, and lived between the mountains, at Orange, where most of his family located. He, too, was a sturdy farmer ; and either he or his honored father was ruling elder of the old 1st church, of Orange, from 1831 to 1840. He h. chd. 57 Erastus, b. 1753, d. 1837 ; 58 Jabez ; 59 Sarah (w. of I. Conner) ; 60 Bethuel, b. 1767, d. 1814 ; 61 Enos ; 62 Lydia ; 63 Jotham, b. 1772, d. 1794 ; 64 Rebecca (w. of 79 Linus Pierson, son of Joseph).

57 Erastus<sup>5</sup> Pierson, b. Nov. 6, 1753 d. Nov. 1837, mar. Eunice ———, lived in Orange, and died there, on his farm. He was an officer in the revolutionary war ; was wounded and taken prisoner by the British. His chd. born in Orange, were 118 Rhoda ; 119 Moses ; 120 Lydia ; 121 Aaron ; 122 Caleb ; 123 Jotham.

119 Moses<sup>6</sup> Pierson lived in Orange, and h. chd. 252 Ira, b. 1809 ; 253 Rhoda H., b. 1811 ; 254 Mary S., b. 1814 ; 255 Wm. J., b. 1817.

121 Aaron<sup>6</sup> Pierson h. chd. 256 Albert, b. Jan'y 14, 1816 ; 257 Erastus H., b. May 9, 1817 (lived in Paterson, N. J.) ; 258 Edwin A., b. Nov. 12, 1818 (lived in St. Louis) ; 259 Eunice T., b. Dec. 19, 1820 ; 260 Henrietta, b. Nov. 23, 1822 ; 261 Martha, E. b. Dec. 6, 1824 ; 262 Mary Ann, b. Feb. 27, 1827 ; 263 Aaron W., b. Feb. 9, 1829 ; 264 Jane, b. May 11, 1831 ; 265 James M., b. July 27, 1833 ; 266 Hannah b. Sept. 3, 1835.

122 Caleb<sup>6</sup> Pierson, soldier in war of 1812, mar. Electa Pierson and Melinda Pierson, lived in Orange, and h. chd. 267 Joseph Austin b. 1824 d. 1862 ; 268 Moses Freeman b. 1826 ; 269 Chas. Wilbur b. 1827 ; 270 Mary L. b. 1830 d. 1851 ; 271 Alfred Leander b. 1833 ; 272 Ira M., b. 1837 and now lives in Newark.

268 Moses Freeman<sup>7</sup> Pierson, b. Jan. 19, 1826, was a soldier in our late war ; and h. chd. 471 Helen A. ; 472 Emma F. ; 473 Charles ; 474 Robert G. ; 475 Maggie ; 476 Anne ; 477 Julia ; 478 Clara ; and 479 Alfred.

123 Jotham<sup>6</sup> Pierson, soldier in the war of 1812, was born at Orange, N. J., and h. chd. 273 Eunice, b. 1824 (w. of ——— Staggs) ; 274 Harriet E., b. 1827 (w. of ——— Condit) ; 275 Samuel W., b. June 1829 ; 276 George H., b. Jan'y 1835, d. Feb. 1852 ; 277 Linus E., b. Nov. 1837 ; 278 Bethuel W., b. Nov. 1839 ; 279 Jotham S., b. June 1842.

275 Samuel W.<sup>7</sup> Pierson was born June 16, 1829 in Orange, and h. chd. 480 Alice G.



277 *Linus E.*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* was born Nov. 3, 1837, in Orange, and now lives in Newark, h. chd. 481 *Lilian M.*

279 *Jotham S.*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Orange, June 2, 1842, and h. chd. 482 *Eleanor*; 483 *Eliz.*; and 484 *William B.*

58 *Jabez*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* (Major), was born between the mountains and lived at So. Orange; mar. Miss Harrison, and h. chd. 124 *Israel*; 125 *Amzi*; 126 *Louisa* (w. of A. Condit); 127 *Lydia* (w. of B. Harrison).

124 *Israel*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born at So. Orange, mar. M. A. Willis, and h. chd. 280 *Elias*; 281 *Amzi*, who lives in Newark, and is a printer (and mar. A. M. Terhune); 282 *Willis*; 283 *Chas. L.* (who mar. A. L. Mains).

125 *Amzi*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born at So. Orange, mar. M. Cockefair, and h. chd. 284 *Chas.*; 285 *Lydia*.

60 *Bethuel*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born between the mountains, 1767, d. 1814, bur. in old graveyard at Orange; mar. M. Condit, and h. chd. 128 *Jabez P.* (who mar. H. Robinson, and lived in Orange, and left no chd.); 129 *Elijah* (of Orange, and never mar.); 130 *Henry* (of Orange, mar. 1st *Sarah Williams*, 2d *Harriet Jones* and left no chd.); 131 *Hiram*; 132 *Miranda* (w. of Capt. Aaron Peck of Orange); 133 *Sarah* (w. of Caleb Baldwin of Orange); 134 *Charles H.*, d. y.; 135 *Charles H.*; all born in Orange.

131 *Hiram*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born at Orange, mar. Mary ———, and h. chd. 286 *William*, and 287 *Charles H.*, both of N. Y.

135 *Charles H.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born at Orange, mar. Emily King, now lives in Newark, and h. chd. 288 *Hiram*; 289 *Maria*; 290 *George*; 291 *Sarah*; 292 *Augusta*.

61 *Enos*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born between the mountains, lived in Orange, mar. A. Cockefair, d. about 1837, and h. chd. 136 *Ira*, b. 1788; 137 *Lewis*, b. 1790, d. 1875; 138 *Daniel*, b. 1796, d. 1872; 139 *Enos*, b. 1805 (who left his home in Orange, when young and none of his descendants are known); 140 *Sarah* (w. of B. Williams); 141 *Phebe* (w. of Silas Dodd); 142 *Mary* (w. of L. Williams).

136 *Ira*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born in Orange, 1788, mar. J. Condit, removed to Delaware co., Ohio, where he died, and had chd. (born in Ohio); 292 *Munson*; 293 *Thompson*; 294 *Hannah*; 295 *Pyrena*; 296 *Catharine*; 297 *Arzea*; 298 *Simon*; 299 *Phebe*; 300 *Francis*; 301 *Albertus*.

137 *Lewis*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* b. in Orange 1790, served as volunteer in the war of 1812, and died Jan. 17, 1875. He mar. L. Crane, and had chd. 302 *Caleb C.*, b. July 20, 1822, in Orange (he now resides at Perth Amboy, N. J.).

138 *Daniel*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* born in Orange, but removed to Akron, Ohio, where the last years of his life were spent. In Orange, he married M. Harrison, by whom he had chd. 303 *Philander S.*, b. Dec. 19, 1821; 304 *Asbbel H.*, b. Sept. 10, 1824; 305 *Sarah E.*, b. Feb. 17, 1828; 306 *Albert*, b. Feb. 17, 1832, d. 1832; 307

Enos, b. June 16, 1836 (lives in Ohio); 308 Lydia, b. Sept. 16, 1838.

303 *Philander S.<sup>7</sup> Pierson*, born in Orange Dec. 19, 1821, removed with his parents to Ohio in childhood, afterwards returned to N. J., and now lives at Caldwell, N. J., and is county collector of Essex co. He is most highly respected.

304 *Ashbel H.<sup>7</sup> Pierson*, born in Orange, Sept. 10, 1824, removed with his parents to Ohio in childhood, afterwards returned to the east, now resides in Philadelphia. He had chd. 485 Daniel H., b. Nov. 24, 1847; 486 Mary Edith, b. Apr. 12, 1856, d. 1857; 487 Harry N., b. Jan. 18, 1865.

29 *John<sup>4</sup> Pierson*, born between the mountains, mar. Phebe Allen, and had chd. 65 Mary (w. of S. Crowell); 66 Caleb (who mar. A. Ball); 67 Joanna (w. of Ebenezer Matthews); 68 Phebe (w. of John Pool). Can learn nothing more of this family.

30 *Matthias<sup>4</sup> Pierson, M.D.*, was born June 20, 1734 between the mountains, lived in Orange all his days, died there May 9, 1809, and was buried in the old graveyard beside his kindred; his remains with those of his wife were afterwards removed to Rosedale Cem. He mar. Phebe Nutman (dau. of Isaac Nutman, of Elizabeth), b. 1742, d. 1826, who is specially remembered by her family and others for her earnest piety and ability.

She reared a large family of eight children, and was subjected to many trials during the revolutionary war. Dr. Matthias was a man of great earnestness and integrity. "His early education was limited by the moderate opportunities of that early period. He studied medicine and practiced in his native town, during the whole of his life. He was the first and for many years the only physician at the mountain; his colleague in later years, Dr. Jno. Condit, being twenty-one years his junior. His district of practice embraced the region now occupied by the Oranges, Bloomfield and Caldwell, and to the border of Morris co., which, during the most of his life, he traversed on horseback. He identified himself with the interests of his native town. He was one of the corporators named in the first charter, in 1783, and two years later, when the Orange academy was founded, he gave it his active support. Under his and others fostering care, it became and long continued to be a leading school of instruction in Essex co. During the revolutionary war, he was a decided friend of his country, and was influential in inspiring others with his own patriotic sentiments." \* While the British forces were in Orange, they, at one time, took possession of his house (while the family had fled for temporary safety to the mountain), which with all its contents they freely used, leaving only the doctor's closet of medicines, and a fresh baking of bread unmolested. Possibly they thought the bread, though so tempting in ap-

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pearance, had been drugged, and left for them. The Cent. Pres. ch. of Orange now stands nearly on the site of the Dr.'s old house.

He had chd. 69 *Nancy*, b. Sept. 8, 1765, d. Aug. 1851 (w. of 54 *Cyrus*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, M. D., of Orange, the son of *Bethuel*, mar. 1790); 70 *Sally*, b. May 21, 1768, d. — (w. of B. Dodd, and J. Ballard), and lived in Orange; 71 *Isaac*, b. Aug. 15, 1770, d. Sept. 22, 1833; 72 *Fanny*, b. Mar. 20, 1773, d. Aug. 1828 (became wife of Israel Crane, in 1796, of Bloomfield. Their chd., (Cranes), were Mary, b. 1798, d. 1805; 2 *Eliz.*, b. 1800, mar. E. Beach; 3 *Matthias*, b. 1802, mar. S. Baldwin; 4 *Abigail*, b. 1804, d. 1863, mar. Dr. I. Dodd; 5 *Mary*, b. 1807; 6 *James*, b. 1809, mar. P. Crane; 7 *Phebe*, b. 1811, d. 1814); 73 *Matthias*, b. June 13, 1775, d. Jan. 4, 1812; 74 *William*, b. July 24, 1778, d. Jan. 1844; 75 *Mary* (or *Polly*), b. Oct. 14, 1781, d. April 4, 1804, never mar.; 76 *Harriett*, b. Dec. 29, 1786, d. 1840 (became wife of Daniel Stryker of Orange, in 1806. Their chd. (Strykers) were Mary, John, Phebe, Daniel, Isaac).

71 *Isaac*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, M. D., b. Aug. 15, 1770, d. Sept. 22, 1833, was born in Orange, where his boyhood was spent, during revolutionary days. He graduated at Princeton coll., 1789. "He was a classmate of Dr. D. Hosack, with whom he maintained a personal friendship, during the rest of his life. He succeeded to his father's practice, with whom he pursued his medical studies and continued in practice, till his death. As a medical man he was much esteemed, and took a deep interest in advancing the honor and welfare of his profession. Was a Fellow of the med. soc'y of N. J., having been its pres. in 1827." Besides his active duties as a physician, he took a most important interest in all public matters. He was sheriff of Essex co., and afterwards represented his district in the 20th and 21st congress of the U. S. His advice was frequently sought on important subjects, for he was a man of sound judgment and discretion. In 1795 he mar. *Nancy Crane* (dau. of Aaron Crane, of Bloomfield), b. 1775, d. 1841. Succeeding to his father's practice, he also had his old home, in Orange. (A few years since, the old house was moved off, and on the ground was built the Central Pres. ch.) As a medical man, Dr. Pierson was particularly successful in treating fevers. He h. chd. 143 *William*, b. 1796; 144 *Albert*, b. 1798, d. 1864; 145 *Phebe S.*, b. Feb. 26, 1801, d. May, 1877 (became wife of Stephen Condit, of Orange. Their chd. were Sarah; Frances; Charles; Albert; Harriet; Stephen); 146 *Fanny*, b. July 22, 1803, d. June, 1874 (became wife of Daniel Jessup, of Florida, N. Y.); 147 *George*, b. Oct. 16, 1805; 148 *Edward*, b. April 27, 1808, d. Mar. 18, 1866; 149 *Aaron*, b. Feb. 28, 1811, d. Aug. 10, 1863; 150 *Isaac*, b. July 20, 1813, d. May 1, 1841; 151 *Harriet*, b. Mar. 12, 1816, d. Jan'y 15, 1871 (became

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wife of Wm. L. Collins, of Hartford, Conn., a highly respected and prominent merchant of that city. Their chd. were Edward; Mary L.; Ellen; Frances; William; Alice; 152 Sarah Ann, b. Mar. 21, 1820 (became wife of Roderick Terry, of Hartford, Conn. Their chd. were Henry T. (now a prof. in a gov't coll., Japan); Anna; Jennie; Harriet; Edith).

143 *William*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* (M.D.), born in Orange, Dec. 4, 1796. Grad. of Princeton coll., 1816. He married Margaret, daughter of Rev. Asa Hillyer, and has for many years occupied the house formerly owned by Dr. Hillyer. At one time sheriff of Essex, co.; afterwards mayor of Orange; "Fellow of the medical society of N. J." He studied medicine with his father, to whose practice he succeeded. After a long and useful life as a physician, he still resides in his old home, at Orange, a highly respected and honored citizen, having some years since resigned his practice to his son, Dr. Wm. Pierson Jr., now the 4th in succession of the Pierson medical line. He had chd. 309 Jane; 310 Anne; 311 a babe died young; 312 *William*; 313 *Edward Dixon*; 314 Margaret, d. young.

312 *William*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* (M.D.), born in Orange, studied medicine with his father, to whose practice he succeeded, and is the fourth Dr. Pierson, of Orange, in direct descent, all of whom have resided within a few rods of the same spot. He mar. Belle Adams; and had chd. 488 Margaret; 489 Louisa; 490 Isabella (died).

313 *Edward Dixon*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, born in Orange, was graduated at Princeton coll., 1854; studied law, and began the practice of it in Orange. At the breaking out of the rebellion, he enlisted as a vol. in the U. S. service, and served as captain in Sherman's division, till the war closed; then resumed the practice of law, in Orange, where he now resides. He mar. Lelia James, and had chd. 491 Edith; 492 William; 493 Annie R. (d. young).

144 *Albert*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* (Rev.), born at Orange, Dec. 17, 1798, died at the same place, May 1864. He graduated at Princeton coll., 1816 (with his bro. Wm.). Though by profession a minister, and well qualified for that position, his superior classical attainments rendered him valuable as a teacher; he therefore was principal of the Bloomfield academy, and afterwards the classical school of Orange, for many years. He married Jane Armstrong; and had chd. 315 *William Hugh*; 316 Edward (d. young); 317 Frances and 318 Sarah, twins (Sarah mar. J. L. Halsey); 319 George (Rev.), resides in Orange; 320 Albert (mar. Adelaide Decker), a coal dealer, and resides in Orange.

315 *William Hugh*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* (M.D.), born in Orange, where he practiced medicine for a while; was a surgeon of the U. S. navy, during the late war, lives at Bloomfield; married Annie Van Liew and has son John.

147 *George* <sup>6</sup> *Pierson* (Rev.), born at Orange, Oct. 16, 1805, graduated at Princeton coll. 1823, studied for the ministry; was colleague with Dr. Hillyer, in the 1st ch. of Orange, a short time; then the brick ch. was built, and he was installed the pastor; he remained there a few years, and a short time in Wantage, N. J. But his life's work has been done in Florida, Orange co., N. Y., where he has preached the gospel for nearly forty yrs. and is much beloved by his people. He married 1st *Eliza Day*, of Orange, and 2d *Caroline Stoll*, of Port Jervis. He had chd. 321 *Sarah* (who became wife of *David McNair*, of Dansville, N. Y.); 322 *Wilson*; 324 *Isaac*, d. young; 324 *Caroline* (who became wife of Rev. *Samuel Jessup*, of Oneida, N. Y.); 325 *Stephen Day*; 326 *Fanny* (d. young); 327 *Mary* (d. young); 328 *Ellen C.*

322. *Wilson* <sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, born in N. J., removed with his parents to Florida, N. Y., when young; where he now lives and owns a dairy farm. He married *Sarah C. Wheeler*; and has chd. 494 *Charles W.*; 495 *Eliza D.*

325 *Stephen Day* <sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, resides in Florida, N. Y., where he owns a dairy farm. He married *Phebe Duzenberre*; and has chd. 496 *Fanny*; 497 *Harriet W.*

148 *Edward* <sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born Apr. 27, 1808, in Orange, and died in Newark, Mar. 18, 1866. All the early part of his life was spent in Orange, and the latter part in Newark. He was for some years the sheriff of Essex co., and afterwards engaged in the insurance business. He died suddenly, and was most highly esteemed. He married *Phebe Baldwin*, of Orange; and had chd. 329 *Matilda*; 330 *Harriet C.*; 331 *Aaron* (d. young); 332 *Edward*, d. 1869 (a young man of promise, much lamented).

149 *Aaron* <sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Orange, Feb. 28, 1811, and died in Hartford, Conn., Aug. 10, 1863, and was buried beside his kindred, in Rosedale cemetery at Orange. His early days were spent in Orange; and the last thirteen years he lived in Hartford, engaged in the wholesale drygoods business, where his memory is still cherished as a Christian citizen and a business man. He married *Mary C. Ogden*, of Parsippany, N. J., and left chd. 333 *John Ogden*; 334 *Stephen Condit*; 335 *Isaac*; 336 *Lizzie Benedict*.

333 *John Ogden* <sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Orange, in childhood removed to Hartford, Conn.; where, for a time, he engaged in business with his father: afterwards adjuster of losses in the Phoenix Fire Ins. Co., of Hartford; and now connected with the Cont. Life Ins. Co., in Chicago. He mar. 1st *Miss Lewis*, 2d *Emily Chickering*, of Boston; and had chd. 498 *Kate Lee*; 499 *Fred. Hudson*; 500 *Alice F.* (d. young).

334 *Stephen Condit* <sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Orange, removed in childhood to Hartford; graduated at Yale coll., 1864, and scientific sch., 1865; Nearly ever since then has been city surveyor, in Meriden, Conn.; where he still resides. He mar. *Hannah P. Latimer*,

of Simsbury, Ct.; and had chd. 501 Guy Rowland P. (d. young); 502 Decius Latimer; 503 Mary Caroline O.; 504 Antoinette P.

335 *Isaac*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson* (Rev.), was born in Orange, and removed in childhood to Hartford, Ct.; graduated at Yale coll., 1866, and Andover theo. sem., 1869. In 1870 he went to North China, as a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. He mar. Sarah E. Dyer, of Cambridgeport, Mass.

73 *Matthias*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, born at Orange, June 13, 1775, d. Jan'y 4, 1812. He was a tobacconist, in Orange. In 1801, he mar. Polly Baldwin; and had chd. 153 David S., b. June, 1802 (d. young); 154 Laetitia (d. young); 155 *James*, b. June, 1807; 156 Laetitia, b. Feb., 1810, d. Mar. 1866; 157 Matthias, b. Aug., 1817, d. 1832.

155 *James*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born June, 1807, was a carpenter and lived in Newark. He had chd. 337 Mary J.; 338 Orville.

156 Laetitia B.<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born Feb., 1810, mar. H. Price, of N. J.

74 *William*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born July 24, 1778, and d. Jan'y 1844. He was a hatter, and owned and lived on property adjoining the place of Dr. Isaac Pierson (his bro.), in Orange, mar. Sally Day, in 1806. She d. 1843. He had chd. 158 Sarah, b. June, 1807, d. Oct., 1843 (wife of Wm. Frame. Their chd. were Jane, and Harriet); 159 *Matthias*, b. May, 1809; 160 Sidney (never mar.), b. Sept., 1810, d. 1843; 161 *Horace*, b. June, 1814; 162 Mary b. July, 1818.

159 *Matthias*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Orange, May 1809. Married M. King, and was a hatter. Had chd. 339 Emily (became w. of G. Baldwin); 340 Alice.

161 *Horace*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Orange, June, 1814, mar. first, R. A. Smith, and second, M. Oakes (the former of Orange and the latter of Bloomfield). He lives in Bloomfield, N. J. By his first wife he had chd. 341 William S., b. Apr. 9, 1841, d. 1861. By the second alliance, he had chd. 342 Fred O., b. Nov. 1847; 343 Ella K. (became w. of G. H. Seymour. Their chd. are Alice and Maude).

341 *William S.*<sup>7</sup> *Pierson*, was born Apr. 9, 1841, at Bloomfield. In the first year of the rebellion, he enlisted in the 1st Minnesota reg't of artillery. At the 1st battle of Bull Run he was wounded, and taken prisoner; after the battle was over, he was taken to Richmond, Va., where he died, a true patriot in the defence of his country.

32 *Joseph*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was born between the mountains, Orange, and continued to live there. He mar. Rebecca Smith, and h. chd. 77 Eunice (became w. of Sam. Williams); 78 Electa (became w. of Z. Tichenor); 79 *Linus*, b. 1768, d. 1817; 80 *Joseph*.

79 *Linus*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1768 in Orange, and died 1817. He mar. *Rebecca Pierson* (dau. of 28 *Samuel*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*) and had chd. 163 *Jotham*, b. 1796, d. 1828; 164 John, b. 1797, d. 1822 (never mar.); 165 Lydia, b. 1799 (became w. of Benj. Clark); 166 *Samuel*, b. 1803; 167 *Erastus*, b. 1805; 168 *Joseph Morris*, b. 1807.

163 *Jotham*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1796 and died 1828. He lived in

Orange, and mar. M. Edwards, and h. chd. 344 Edward; 345 Samuel; 346 John.

166 *Samuel*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1803, mar. E. Perry, and now lives in Newark. He had chd. 347 Phebe (became w. of — Barrister); 348 John; 349 Linus; 350 Anna (became w. of a Mr. Pierson).

167 *Erastus*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Orange, 1805, mar. A. Baldwin, and drove a stage between Orange and Newark, for many years. He h. chd. 351 Jotham; 352 Mary Ann (became w. of — Harrison).

168 *Joseph Morris*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* (Rev.), was born in Orange, 1807, and mar. A. Edwards. He was a minister of the Methodist church, and h. chd. 353 Mary Riggins; 354 Henry; 355 Albert; 356 Morris; 357 Charles Wesley (mar. M. Hunter).

80 *Joseph*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* was born in Orange, and lived there, mar. Rachel Vincent, and h. chd. 169 Sallie, d. about 1873 (became w. of — Jones); 170 *Electa* (became w. of 122 *Caleb*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, the son of Erastus P.), and was b. 1799, d. 1842; 171 Charlotte (became w. of — Thompson, and joined the Shakers); 172 *Melinda*, b. 1804, d. 1843 (became the 2d wife of 122 *Caleb*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*); 173 Mary (became the w. of Ira Pierson 1st and then of Jno. Riggs); 174 Rachel (never mar.); 175 Eliza (never mar.); 176 Linus, mar. R. Peck, and went to Ohio to live. There his wife died, and he mar. again, in Ohio.

34 *Zenas*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* was born and lived between the mountains Orange, and was a farmer. Mar. Betsey Nixon, and had chd. 81 Samuel (mar. 1st L. Ward, and 2d M. Young); 82 Phebe (became w. of D. Ross); 83 Zenas (mar. C. Townley); 84 Moses. (Can learn no more of the family.)

11 *Daniel*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* (judge) was born 1703 in Orange, where he continued to live, till his death in 1777. He was known as judge, and mar. Jemima Ogden (dau. of John Ogden of Orange) b. 1709, d. 1776; and h. chd. 36 Nathaniel; 37 Jonas; 38 Daniel (went to Pompton, N. J.); 39 Aaron (went off with the British); 40 James (went off with the British); 41 Jemima; 42 Abigail Edo. (Can learn no more of the family.)

12 *Caleb*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* was born in Orange, and lived there. Had w. Sarah, and chd. 44 Thomas (mar. Ruth Harrison, and lived and died in Bloomfield, N. J., where probably, some descendants now reside); 45 *Caleb*, b. 1738; 46 Elizabeth (became w. of J. Martin); 47 Jemima (became w. of Jedid Lindsley).

45 *Caleb*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson* was born in Orange, 1738, and lived in Bloomfield and Caldwell, N. J. Mar. Joanna Baldwin (b. 1745) and h. chd. 85 Sarah (w. of David Ogden); 86 *John*; 87 Elizabeth, b. 1767 (w. of Linus Dodd); 88 *Jephtha*; 89 *Israel*; 90 *Joanna* (w. of David Pierson, the son of *Elihu Pierson* of L. Island); 91 *Abraham*; 92 Jane (d. young); 93 *Elijah*; 94 Lydia (became wife of James Crockett. Their chd. David; John; Caleb.); 95 Naomi (w. of Simeon Baldwin); 96 Rhoda w. of — James. Their chd. Joseph; Uriah).

86 *John*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson* born in N. J. mar. Susanna Russell, and removed to Seneca Falls, N. Y. He h. chd. 177 *Reuben D*; 178 *Calvin*; 179 *Ogden*; 180 Moses (died young); 181 Smith (d. young); 182 Jephtha (went off in early life and was never heard from); 183 Phebe; 184 Polly G.; 185 Rhoda; 186 Lucy; 187 Peggy Maria; 188 Betsey. (All born in N. Y. state.)

177 *Reuben D.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born in Seneca Falls, h. chd. 358 John E.; 359 Elias; 360 Susan; 361 Cyrus; 362 Cynthia.

178 *Calvin*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born in Seneca Falls, h. chd. 363 George; 364 Chas.; 365 Frank; 366 Reuben; 367 Eugene.

179 *Ogden*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born in Seneca Falls, h. chd. 368 Forest; 369 Addison; 370 Phebe; 371 Maria.

88 *Jephtha*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, born in N. J., mat. Sally —, and lived in Caldwell, where some of his descendants now reside. He h. chd. 189 Nancy; 190 *Caleb*; 191 Joanna; 192 *John*; 193 *Cyrus*; 194 *Stephen S.*; 195 *Bethuel H.*; 196 *Abiathar H.* (last two were twins); 197 David H. (d. young); 198 Sally, Maria (w. of J. Schuyler).

190 *Caleb*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, of N. J., h. chd. 372 Harvey (who went to Iowa to live); 373 Nancy; 374 Daniel (of N. J.); 375 Joseph.

192 *John*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, h. chd. 376 William; 377 Caroline; 378 Marcus; 379 Catherine; 380 Mary; 381 Charles (lives in Georgia); 382 George (of N. Haven, Ct.); 383 John; 384 Willis; 385 Albert (of Mass.).

193 *Cyrus*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born in N. J., and removed to Michigan. He h. chd. 386 Hiram (Mich.); 387 John (Mich.); 388 Timothy (Ind.); 389 Rebecca.

194 *Stephen S.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born in N. J., and had chd. 390 James (Ohio); 391 Sarah; 392 Chas. (d. young); 393 Frederick (N. J.).

195 *Bethuel H.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, of Arkansas, joined the U. S. army and died in Mo. in 1836, and h. chd. 394 Elizabeth; 395 Samantha.

196 *Abiathar H.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, lived in Iowa, and h. chd. 396 William (Iowa); 397 Marcus (Iowa); 398 George (Iowa); 399 Cyrus (Ky.); 400 Jephtha (Iowa); 401 Thos. (Iowa); 402 Georgiana (Iowa); 403 John (Iowa).

89 *Israel*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, born in N. J., removed to Paris, Ky., and lived there. His descendants still live there. Had chd. 199 John; 200 Eliza; 201 Priscilla; 202 George C.; 203 *Thornton P.*; 204 Sally M.; 205 *Thos. W.*; 206 *James Trotter*.

203 *Thornton P.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, of Kentucky, h. chd. 404 Mary L. (w. of P. N. Norton); 405 Virginia; 406 James M.; 407 Chas. E.; 408 Sarah E.; 409 Georgiana; 410 Emma J. (w. of J. Temperly); 411 Carrie; 412 Anna E. (w. of A. Smith); 413 Alice; 414 Uzal; 415 Irene; 416 Joseph.

205 *Thomas W.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, of Kentucky, h. chd. 417 Mary E. (w. of J. J. Jones); 418 John J.

206 *James Trotter*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, of Kentucky, h. chd. 419 Anna E.;



420 George I.; 421 Beatty; 422 Willie and Jane; 423 Sallie; 424 Kittie; 425 Mary; 426 Frank.

90 *Joanna*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, mar. *David Pierson*, of Long Island, and h. chd. Elizabeth; Aaron; Phebe; Ambrose and David Austin (their record is given under the L. I. Piersons).

91 *Abraham*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was in Bloomfield or Caldwell, and mar. Jemima Miller, and h. chd. 207 Israel; 208 Albert M. (now residing in Newark, N. J.); 209 Jacob; 210 Eliza; 211 Joseph; 212 Sarah Ogden; 213 Caleb Ward; 214 Lydia; 215 Mary W.; 216 Abraham; 217 Jane and Joanna (twins); 218 Julia Ann; 219 Phebe H. This family live in N. J., and N. Y.

93 *Elijah*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Montclair or Caldwell, and mar. 1st Martha Williams, and 2d Mary Williams. He lived in Caldwell, till the last years of his life, when he removed to Orange, where he d. He h. chd. 220 James C. (d. young); 221 Louisa (became w. of A. Dodd, of Orange); 222 *Elijah B.* (of Ohio); 223 *Calvin*; 224 Maria; 225 *Caleb Nelson*; 226 *David Harrison*; 227 *Nathan Williams*.

222 *Elijah B.*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born in Caldwell, went to Ohio to live, and h. chd. 427 Martha; 428 Mary; 429 Grant W. (of Ohio). He d. recently, in Ohio, aged 66 yrs.

123 *Calvin*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born in Caldwell, lived in Orange, mar., 1st L. Dodd, and 2d M. Dodd. He was a painter, in Orange, and h. chd. 430 Samuel D.; 431 David (d.); 432 David A.; 433 Lavinia C.; 434 Martha; 435 *Elijah*; 436 Morris D.; 437 Charles; 438 Frank; 439 William. This family live mostly in Orange.

225 *Caleb Nelson*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born in Caldwell, removed to Ohio, mar. Jane Crane, and h. chd. 440 Joseph W.; 441 Walter C.; 442 Caleb C.; 443 Maria C.; 444 Janet F.; 445 Orville A.; 446 John D.; 447 Julia C. This family are in Ohio.

226 *David Harrison*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* (Rev. and Ph.D.), was born in Caldwell, and removed to Elizabeth, N. J., where for many years he has been a successful teacher of a classical school for boys, and where he now resides. He mar. Caroline Peck (dau. of Capt. Aaron Peck, of Orange, and grand-daughter of *Bethuel Pierson*, of Orange), and h. chd. 448 Henry M.; 449 James A.; 450 David H.; 451 George P.; 452 Mary H.; 453 Caroline P.

227 *Nathan Williams*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, born in Caldwell, resides in Virginia, mar. S. Harrison, and h. chd. 454 Emma L.; 455 Fred H. (mar. Miss Matthews); 456 Edward; 457 Harriet; 458 Robert; 459 Harry; 460 Susan H.

7 *Thomas*<sup>2</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Newark, in 1678 (some say in 1660), and d. in Orange, Mar. 5, 1758, and was buried in the old graveyard there. He went from Newark to Whatnong plains (now Morris plains) where he bought a tract of land and settled on it, about 1685. He commenced running a saw-mill at that place, which, with the original spot of land, has remained in the family ever

since. (The place is now occupied by John Henry Pierson, who is my informant.) This Thomas has been with difficulty located, because the records concerning him are meager; in all probability, however, he belongs *here*. He had chd. 16 *Timothy*, b. 1710, d. 1777; 17 *Silas*.

16 *Timothy* <sup>3</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1710 (probably at Whatnong Pl.), married Mary — (who d. 1788), and died 1777. They were both buried at Morristown. (Mr. Congar says: "In 1752, he sold land in Newark, formerly of Thomas, he was *probably* a grandson of Thos.") His will names his chd. 48 Thomas; 49 *Samuel*, b. 1748, d. 1789-90; 50 Phebe; 51 Keziah; 52 Experience, d. 1793.

49 *Samuel* <sup>4</sup> *Pierson* was born 1748 (probably at Whatnong Pl.), and lived on the old place owned by father and grand-father; died 1789 or 90, and was buried at Morristown. He had chd. 97 *Timothy*, b. 1772, d. 1851; 98 *Stephen*, b. 1777; 99 Joseph; 100 Ebenezer; 101 *Samuel*, b. 1785; 102 *Isaac*; 103 *Silas*.

97 *Timothy* <sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1772, and died 1851. His home was on the old place at Whatnong plains. He had chd. 228 *John Henry*, b. 1822; and ten others.

228 *John Henry* <sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1822 at Morris plains, where he has spent his life, and still keeps the saw mill running. He had children 461 James H.; 462 Henry W.; 463 Edward H.; 464 John H.

98 *Stephen* <sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1777, and had chd. 229, *Edward*; 230 Stephen; 231 Chas.; 232 Samuel; 233 Anna; 234 Eliza. The last three sons had no children.

229 *Edward* <sup>6</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1813, and had chd. 465 Stephen (a physician now living and practicing medicine in Morristown. He is a graduate of Yale coll., and served his country during our late war); 466 Chas; 467 Phillip B.; 468 Samuel; 469 Laura.

101 *Samuel* <sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1785, and had ch. 235 *Lewis Jr.*, b. 1822 (who is a manufacturer of carriages in Morristown. He has a son 470 Lemuel E.

102 *Isaac* <sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, had chd. 236 Abiram of Ohio.

103 *Silas* <sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, had chd. 237 Charles.

## FAMILY OF STEPHEN PIERSON,

IN DERBY CONN., IN 1666.

1 *Stephen<sup>1</sup> Pierson*, came to Watertown, Mass., in 1644 (though it is not known from whence, or who was his father). He mar. 1st Mary Tomlinson, dau. of Henry Tomlinson, of Stratford. He removed to Milford, Ct., in 1652, and was in Stratford, Ct., in 1665, and came to Derby, Ct., about 1666. "Before the charter of Conn., 1662, Milford and Derby were under the jurisdiction of N. Haven. The early records of Milford were revised between 1675 and 1690, and the original records of the town court proceedings are lost. And the first mention of any *Stephen Pierson* in that vicinity was in 1657, when he witnessed a will, in the court of N. Haven." In the Town Records of Derby it is recorded that "Stephen Pierson had some transactions, May 13, 1679, also that Stephen Pierson died in Derby May 14, 1739." If these dates are correct, and apply to the *same* person, he must have come to Watertown at a very early age, or have lived to the age of 100 yrs. or more. His will is dated Sept. 2, 1733, and shows that he left a 2d wife, by name Esther, though the 1st wife Mary, was the mother of his children. In a list of the settlers of Pangassett (now Derby), Mar. 15, 1667, is found the name of Stephen Pierson. And four successive generations of this family are known to have lived on Meeting-house hill, in Derby. The historian of Derby, Dr. Beardsley, says that "all the Piersons of Derby are descendants of Stephen." As to who this said Stephen is, I have no means of determining; so will state the opinions of others, and leave it for some future genealogist to decide. Dr. Ambrose Beardsley, historian of Derby, speaks of "Stephen P., as the son of Rev. Abraham P. of Branford, who came to Pangassett in 1666, and resided there before the town was incorporated, 1675." Rev. W. B. Lewis, now dec., who many years ago taught school in Derby, and looked up its history, confirms his statements. Judge Savage considers him to have been the son of Rev. Abraham. These and some others are of the opinion that he was son of Rev. Abraham, even though his name is not mentioned by Abraham in his will. (Refer to the will of Rev. Abr. Pierson.) It seems however probable that if he were such, some provision would have made for him by his father. The supposition of his relation to Abraham P., may have arisen from the fact that he was in eastern Mass., about the same time with Abraham, and also in Conn., near Branford, at the same time with him. Whatever his origin may have been, he had, by wife Mary, chd. 2 *Stephen*, d. 1754; 3 *Abraham*; 4 *Sarah* (w. of — Twichell); 5 *Bathsheba* (w. of Adam Blackman, of Stratford in 1710); 6 *John* (probably he was the same John Pierson who is recorded as living in Derby in

1698, and removed to Norwalk, as one is known to have lived there, and nothing more is heard of John in Derby), his estate is said to have been settled by his father in 1704; 7 Thomas (probably); 8 Mary (w. of — Baldwin); 9 Daniel (probably the Daniel Pierson who "drew lots in Oxford, a part of Derby, in 1713"); and perhaps others.

2 *Stephen*<sup>2</sup> *Pierson*, Jr., mar. 1st Mehetabel Canfield, of Derby, Oct. 12, 1697, by whom he had six children. In 1738, June 15, he mar. 2d Hannah Munson (dau. of John Munson, of Derby), by whom he had five children. His will is dated Feb. 2, 1753, and mentions both wives and all the chd. He died in Derby, in 1754. His widow married Mr. Elijah Davis, and died in Alford, Mass., 1815, leaving a family of Davis children. Apr. 13, 1724, he deeded to his son *Thomas*, 80 acres of land in Derby. He had children 10 Elizabeth (w. of — Bennett), b. Jan'y 12, 1699; 11 Abigail (w. of — St. John); 12 *Thomas*; 13 Job, b. Oct. 5, 1707; 14 *Jonathan*, b. May 6, 1716, d. in Ridgefield, N. Y.; 15 Phebe; 16 *Enoch*, b. June 18, 1739, d. Oct. 1, 1827; 17 Elijah, b. Dec. 26, 1740, d. in Derby (and never married); 18 Rachel, b. Sept. 16, 1742, d. in Colebrook, Ct. June 26, 1815 (w. of Henry Clinton, and mother of 5 chd.); 19 Daniel, b. April 29, 1744, mar. and removed to the West, and nothing is known of his descendants; 20 *Eli*, b. 1750.

12 *Thomas*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson*, son of *Stephen* Jr., was born in Derby, but nothing further is known of him unless he is the *Thomas* Jr. who mar. Ruth Holbrook, and lived in Derby and Norwalk. The query arises why was he called *Jr.* if the son of *Stephen*<sup>2</sup> and some suppose that the said *Thos.* Jr. must have been son of 7 *Thomas*<sup>2</sup>. All authorities agree, however, that he must have been the grandson of 1 *Stephen*<sup>1</sup> *Pierson*. As some of *Thos.* Jr.'s descendants think that he was the son of *Stephen* Jr., we will place his record here; without positively asserting that he was the son of *Stephen* Jr.

*Thomas*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* Jr. mar. Ruth Holbrook, in Norwalk, Ct., Feb. 22, 1727. He is known to have lived in Norwalk, and to have purchased land in Derby in 1758. He died in 1772 and his two sons divided his property in 1773. He had children 30 *Nathan* (known as *ensign*); 31 Timothy (his family and descendants wrote their name Parsons. Mr. Timothy Parsons, of Georgetown, Ct., is one of them. Beyond this, I have no record of them).

30 *Nathan*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was known as *ensign*, and mar. Amy Smith, Nov. 17, 1756, and had chd. 69 David; 70 *Thomas*; 71 *Abel*; 72 *Nathan*; 73 Ruth; 74 Rebecca; 75 Hannah.

71 *Abel*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, Capt., mar. Hannah Fairchild, and had children 123 *Abel*; 124 *Nathan*; 125 *Sheldon*; 126 Abiel removed to Ohio; 127 Hannah (w. of Wm. Matthews, of Ohio), died in 1875 ag. 81 years; 128 Sophia (w. of — Withers, of N. Haven).

<sup>2</sup> See note K.

123 *Abel*<sup>6</sup> *Pierston* removed to Newark, N. J.; and had chd. 195 Lyman (never mar.); 196 Abel (never mar.); 197 Nois (never mar.); 198 Harriet (w. of — Richards, of Newark); 199 Mary.

124 *Nathan*<sup>6</sup> *Pierston* was of Derby and removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., and had ch. 200 Edward (of Brooklyn).

125 *Sheldon*<sup>6</sup> *Pierston*, was of Derby, where he made his residence, and had chd. 201 John S. (dec. who resided in Brooklyn, at the time of his death, and was the last of the *Pierstons* to leave Derby, Conn.); 202 Abel; 203 Edward; 204 William R. (now of Nichols farm, Bridgeport, Ct.); 205 Sheldon; 106 Abigail; 207 Martha B.; 208 Mary Ann.

14 *Jonathan*<sup>3</sup> *Pierston* was born May 6, 1716, in Derby, mar. Mary Bates, May 8, 1739, and died in Ridgefield, Sullivan co., N. Y. His wife died Feb. 16, 1755. He had chd. 32 Martha, b. Jan'y 12, 1740; 33 Elias, b. in Derby, June 23, 1743; 34 Osborn, died in Ohio; 35 David, died in Sharon, Ct.; 36 Bartholemew, died in Penn.; 37 *Jonathan*, b. 1751, died in Reading, Ct., Sept. 7, 1818; 38 Martha, b. Mar. 4, 1753.

37 *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup> *Pierston*, born in Derby, 1751, died in Reading, Ct., Sept. 7, 1818; mar. Eliz. Thomas, and had chd. 76 *Elias* (*Parsons*), b. 1780, d. 1851; 77 *Samuel*, b. 1785, d. 1851; 78 *Noah* (*Parsons*); 79 Sarah (*Parsons*) wife of T. Osborne, of Norwalk, and has 2 chd.; 80 Phebe, wife of A. Rockwell and now lives in Marcellus, N. Y.

76 *Elias*<sup>5</sup> *Parsons* adopted the spelling of his name as *Parsons*. He was born in 1780, and died at Weston, Ct., Sept. 29, 1851. He mar. A. Fanton, and had chd. 129 *Charles M. Parsons*, of Weston (mar. H. M. Somers, and h. chd. David S. Parsons).

77 *Samuel*<sup>5</sup> *Pierston*, born 1785, died at Reading, Ct., Jan'y 8, 1851. He mar. H. Hoyt, and had chd. 130 Daniel, died in Norwalk, 1875; 131 Andrew, of Norwalk.

78 *Noah*<sup>5</sup> *Parsons* adopted the spelling of his name *Parsons*. He mar. H. Sanford, and now resides in Liberty, Sullivan co., N. Y. He had chd. 132 Noah (*Parsons*) killed at the battle of Cedar mountain; 133 Alfred (*Parsons*) also killed at the battle of Cedar mountain; 134 Sanford (*Parsons*); 135 Thomas (*Parsons*).

16 *Enoch*<sup>3</sup> *Pierston* (Capt.), was born at Derby, June 18, 1739, and died in Sharon, Ct., Oct. 1, 1827. He mar. Abigail Claystone, Feb., 1761 (who was b. in Reading, 1738, and d. in Sharon, June 6, 1807). He had chd. 39 Betsey, b. in Newton, Ct., Mar. 17, 1762, and d. 1829 (w. of Calvin Peck, of Greenwich, Ct.); 40 Mary Wakeman, b. at Newton, Nov. 5, 1763 (w. of D. Tryon, and went to Sharon in 1764); 41 Abigail, b. Jan'y 5, 1766 (w. of J. Hoyt, of Stamford, Ct., and h. 2 chd.); 42 Amyrallis, b. Sept. 2, 1768 (w. of J. Wells, of Amsterdam, N. Y., and h. 6 chd.); 43 *Stephen*, b. Aug. 21, 1771, d. Dec. 9, 1839; 44 *Enoch*, b. May 9, 1773, d. Sept. 10, 1835; 45 *Freeman Washington*, b. Mar. 16, 1776, d. July 21, 1861; 46 *Amideus*, b. Apr. 29, 1780, d. Oct. 1, 1827.

43 *Stephen*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Sharon, Aug. 21, 1771, and died Dec. 9, 1839. He mar. Hannah Curtis of Danbury, Ct. (who d. Feb. 3, 1844). Had chd. 81 *Stephen Curtis*; 82 Zillah (w. of C. Sherwood, and h. 5 chd.); 83 Abigail (w. of B. Sturges); 84 Betsey (w. of Jos. Heath, and h. 2 chd.); 85 Ada; 86 Miretta; 87 Lucy; 88 Lucy (the last 4 d. young); 89 *Heman King*; 90 *Noah Curtis*.

81 *Stephen Curtis*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, mar. Sabra Heath, and had chd. 136 Henry C.; 137 Milo C.; 138 Amelia; 139 Charles E.; 140 Stephen C.; and two others.

89 *Heman King*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, now resides in Ashtabula, Ohio; mar. J. Upson and had chd. 141 Frederick died (unmarried); 142 Almira, d. in Tallmadge, Ohio (unmar.); 143 Elizabeth (w. of J. Bailey, of Easton, Mass.).

90 *Noah Curtis*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, mar. S. Lattison, and died in Unadilla, N. Y., and had chd. 144 Charlotte; 145 James; 146 Edwin (dec.); 147 Adelbert.

44 *Enoch*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, born May 9, 1773, died Sept. 10, 1835; mar. A. Studley, and had chd. 91 Polly; 92 Ruth; 93 Amy; 94 Mary Ann; 95 Caroline.

45 *Freeman Washington*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was born at Sharon, March 16, 1776, and died July 21, 1861. He mar. Mary Skiff, and had chd. 96 *John*, b. Nov. 6, 1799; 97 Betsey, b. Jan'y 17, 1802; 98 *Daniel*, b. Sept. 14, 1804, and d. April 28, 1854; 99 Paulina, b. March 15, 1806; 100 Mary Louisa, b. Dec. 11, 1812.

96 *John*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born at Sharon, Nov. 6, 1799, mar. Sarah Lockwood, of Greenwich, Nov. 1821, and now resides in Stamford, Ct. He had chd. 148 *Frederick Lockwood*, b. Sept. 23, 1822; 149 Mary Eliz., b. Nov. 19, 1823, d. 1844 (w. of C. Bates, 1843, in Sharon); 150 Harriet L., b. Feb. 17, 1826 (w. of H. K. White, of Sharon); 151 John Albert, b. April 6, 1828, is mar. and now resides in Wolcottville, Ct.; 152 Caroline, b. Aug. 7, 1830 (w. of F. A. Hotchkiss, of Sharon, in 1850, and h. 4 chd.); 153 Sarah A., b. Feb. 13, 1833, d. in Bridgeport, Ct. (w. of M. Coon); 154 Frances A., b. Dec. 5, 1834 (w. of J. H. Mills, of Northeast, N. Y.); 155 Cordelia, b. Nov. 5, 1837 (and lives in Stamford, Ct.); 156 Augustus, b. Oct. 31, 1840, and d. in 1842.

148 *Frederick Lockwood*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson*,<sup>†</sup> born Sept. 23, 1822, mar. Susan Skiff, Feb. 2, 1851. He now resides in Sharon, Ct., and had chd. 209 Mary, b. July 10, 1852 (w. of J. White); 210 Edward, b. March 3, 1856; 211 Eliza, b. 1860; 212 George, b. Oct. 26, 1867.

98 *Daniel*<sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, was born Sept. 14, 1804, and died in Sharon, April 28, 1854. He mar. E. A. Reed, of Sharon; and his widow now resides in Iowa. He had chd. 157 *George Benjamin*, b. March 27, 1830; 158 Julia Ann, b. Nov. 27, 1833, and d. 1835.

157 *George Benjamin*<sup>6</sup> *Pierson* (M.D.), was born in Sharon, March

<sup>†</sup> Who has kindly contributed most of the information <sup>†</sup> Stephen Pierson's family.

27, 1830; and is now a practicing physician in Hooper, Neb. He mar. S. Edgecomb, and had chd. 213 Charles Herbert, b. Oct. 16, 1860; 214 Laura W., b. Dec. 11, 1864; 215 Harry E., b. Sept. 23, 1866.

46 *Amideus* <sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was born April 29, 1780, and died in Sharon, Oct. 1, 1827. He mar. A. Miles of Reading, Ct., and had chd. 101 Laura Ann, b. July 29, 1810 (w. of S. F. Peck), widow, and now resides in Westfield, Mass.; 102 Charles Miles, b. March 13, 1812, and died in Norfolk, Ct., on his way home to Sharon from the west; 103 Almira, b. Mar. 6, 1815 (w. of Henry St. John, of Ellsworth).

20 *Eli* <sup>3</sup> *Pierson*, was born in Derby, in 1750, and d. at South Egremont, Mass. He mar. Sarah Hinman, and had chd. 47 *Lewis*; 48 Betsey; 49 Lucy; 50 Sarah; the last three never mar.

47 *Lewis* <sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, mar. E. Smith, and had chd. 104 Elijah (dec. and never mar.); 105 *Eli*; 106 Maria; 107 Esther (w. of C. Beers, and h. 4 chd.); 108 Anna; 109 *Lewis S.*; 110 Sarah (w. of D. Stillman, of Sheffield, Ct., and had one son).

105 *Eli* <sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, mar. C. Fuller, and d. at Egremont. He had chd. 159 Emeline (w. of L. Baldwin); 160 Margaret (w. of ——— Hawley); 161 George C.; 162 John L.; 163 Foster E.; 164 Sanford W.; 165 Charles; 166 Albert; the last named probably resides in St. Louis, and the rest are of California.

109 *Lewis S.* <sup>5</sup> *Pierson*, mar. E. Boardman, and had chd. 167 Geo.; 168 Sarah; 169 Levi; 170 Arthur.

3 *Abraham Pierson* <sup>2</sup> (sergeant) the 2d son of 1 *Stephen* <sup>1</sup> *P.*; was of Derby, Conn., and mar. Sarah ———. He had chd. 21 *Abraham*; 22 Sarah, b. 1705; 23 Mary; 24 Hannah; 25 Oliver (of whom nothing further is known); 26 David (of whom nothing further is known); 27 Stephen (of whom nothing further is known); 28 *Joseph*; 28 Bathsheba.

21 *Abraham* <sup>3</sup> *Pierson*, was of Derby, mar. 1st Susanna Wooster, in 1731, and 2d Keziah ———. He had chd. 51 Oliver, b. Mar. 25, 1732; 52 *David*, b. 1748, and d. 1812; 53 Avis, b. Oct., 1751; 54 Lynes; 55 Abraham; 56 Amos.

52 *David* <sup>4</sup> *Parsons* (capt.), adopted for the spelling of his name *Parsons*. He was born in 1748, and d. in 1812, at Amenias, N. Y. All of his family spelt the name *Parsons*. The most of them lived in New York state. He had chd. 111 Sarah (w. of S. Falkner); 112 Henrietta (w. of J. Baylis); 113 Lois (w. of S. Hood); 114 Betsey (w. of L. Bosworth, of Ohio); 115 Apame (w. of J. Palmer, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.); 116 *Joel*; 117 Thompson (mar. S. Walsh), and removed to Chenango; 118 David, d. at Chenango Forks; 119 *Truman*; 120 *Joseph*, b. 1778, d. 1812.

116 *Joel* <sup>5</sup> *Parsons*, mar. P. Baylos, and had chd. 171 Orrin (Parsons), mar. B. Prosier; 172 Austin (Parsons), mar. B. Weaver; 173 Jabez (Parsons), mar. C. Prosier; 174 Milton (Parsons), mar.

Eliza —; 175 Eli (Parsons), d. in Hudson, and never mar. 176 Laura (Parsons), w. of A. Palmer; 177 Phebe (Parsons), now resides in Hudson, N. Y.; 178 Anna; 179 Paulina; 180 Geo., now resides in Wayne Co., Penn.

119 *Truman* <sup>5</sup> *Parsons*, died in Cairo, N. Y. He mar. S. Barlow, and had chd. 181 Electa (Parsons), (w. of — Richmond), of Cairo, N. Y.; 182 Barlow (Parsons) mar. — Barker, of Catskill, N. Y.; 183 Sanford (Parsons); 174 Sarah (Parsons) w. of — Bevins; 185 Eunice (Parsons) w. of — Hayes; 186 Joel (Parsons); 187 Philo (Parsons); 188 Clark (Parsons) removed to Ohio; 189 Harriet (Parsons) w. of — Lockwood of N. Y. city.

120 *Joseph* <sup>5</sup> *Parsons*, was born in 1778, and died in 1812, at Amnia, N. Y. He mar. P. Darling, and had chd. 190 Parnel (Parsons) w. of H. Bird, of Amenia; 191 Julia (Parsons) w. of A. Jarvis; 192 *Warren* (Parsons); 193 Almira (Parsons) (w. of M. Andrews; 194 Mary Ann (Parsons) w. of G. Delevan.

192 *Warren* <sup>6</sup> *Parsons*, mar. C. Rowe, and chd. 216 Theron (Parsons) mar. Miss Burton; 217 Charles (Parsons) mar. Miss Smith; 218 Frank (Parsons), and 219 Fanny (Parsons) twins. This family are of Amenia, N. Y.

28 *Joseph* <sup>3</sup> *Pierson* (Capt.), died at Cazenovia, N. Y. He mar. Sarah —, and had chd. 57 Sally; 58 Ruby; 59 Polly; 60 Samuel; 61 *William*; 62 Oliver (settled in Monticello, N. Y.); 63 Abel (took care of his father, and inherited his farm in Cazenovia, where probably some of his posterity still resides); 64 Martin; 65 Reuben; 66 Josiah; 67 Isaac; 68 David.

61 *William* <sup>4</sup> *Pierson* died in Illyria, Ohio, and had chd. 121 Clark; 122 Oliver.

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Many of the names in this family, such as *Abraham*, *Thomas*, *Jonathan*, etc., are those common in the family of Rev. 1 *Abraham*,<sup>1</sup> also in the families of *Thomas*,<sup>2</sup> and 1 *Henry*,<sup>1</sup> and suggest the idea of a relation existing between the different *Pierson* families.



## FAMILIES OF JOHN PEARSON,

OF ROWLEY AND OF LYNN.

*John*<sup>1</sup> *Pearson* (Deacon), came from Essex county, England, in pursuit of religious freedom, and settled in Rowley, Mass., in 1643. He mar. Dorcas —; and died in Rowley, Dec. 22, 1693. In 1643, he set up the earliest saw-mill in America (the running of which has been continued by some of his descendants ever since). He was made a freeman of Rowley, probably in 1647; was representative from 1678, for several years. Was the first deacon of the old Rowley church, and was an earnest advocate of the gospel truths. In the Col. Records his name often appears, and was written *Peirson*; but his descendants write it *Pearson*. He h. chd. 2 Mary; 3 *John*, b. 1644; 4 *Eliz.*; 5 *Samuel*, b. 1648; 6 Dorcas; 7 Mary; 8 *Jeremiah*, b. 1653; 9 Sarah; 10 Joseph, b. 1656; 11 *Benjamin*, b. 1658; 12 Phebe; 13 *Stephen*, b. 1663; 14 Sarah.

3 *John*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, was born at Rowley, 1644, and died 1723. He mar. Mary Prichard (or Prickard), and h. chd. 15 Sarah; 16 *John*, b. 1674; 17 *Joseph*, b. 1677; 18 Dorcas and Jane; 19 Hepzibah and Rebecca.

(16) *John*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson*, was born 1674, in Rowley, and is in all probability the father of 57 *John*, b. in Rowley, 1724; and 58 William, who lived in Wilmington, Mass.; and 59 Nathan, who lived in Wilmington; and 60 a daughter who mar. Mr. Smith, of Meredith, N. Y.; (61) name lost.

(57) *John*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson*, was born in Rowley, 1724, and removed to Wilmington, and Newbury: in 1768, he removed to Deerfield, N. H.: mar. Hannah Morse, of Newbury, and h. chd. 74 Dolly; 75 Sally; 76 Hannah; 77 Lydia; 78 *Timothy Morse*, b. 1756; 79 John; 80 Polly; 81 Betsey; 82 Rhoda; 83 Kendall (d. young).

78 *Timothy Morse*<sup>5</sup> *Perason*, was born May 24, 1756, at Newbury; removed to Deerfield, N. H., with his father, in 1768; served in the army of the revolution; mar. D. Gilman, and h. chd. 99 *John*; 100 Deborah; 101 Betsey; 102 *Daniel*; 103 *David*; (104) *Timothy*, b. 1796; 105 Polly; 106 Hannah (mar. S. Simpson, and resides in Lawrence, Kansas); 107 Abby.

79 *John*<sup>5</sup> *Person*, (he spelt his name *Person*), h. chd. 108 Joseph; 109 Benjamin; 110 John (all died childless).

99 *John*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, mar. A. Goodhue, and h. chd. 111 *John Milton*.

111 *John Milton*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson*, resides in Concord, N. H., and h. chd. 120 Martha (mar. E. Smith); 121 Laura (mar. H. Dane); 122 Clara; 123 Charles W. (now of Concord, N. H.); 124 Wilbur (d. and left no family).

102 *Daniel*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, now resides in Lowell, Mass., and h. chd. 112 John (a clothier in Lowell); 113 Monroe (a clothier in Lowell); 114 Timothy (a lawyer in one of the southern states).

103 *David*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson* never mar. and died at Fittswilliam, N. H., in 1864.

104 *Timothy*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson* was born 1796 and died 1829 at Epsom, N. H. He mar. M. Osgood and h. chd. 115 *John*, b. 1819-20; 116 *Thos. B.*, b. 1822; 117 *Moses Osgood*, b. 1824; 118 *William S.*, b. 1826; 119 *Timothy A.*, b. 1828.

115 *John*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson* was born 1819-20, mar. M. Sanburn, now resides in Brooklyn, N. Y., had h. chd. 125 Henry and 126 Fred, both d.

116 *Thomas B.*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson* was born 1822, mar. 1st M. Youngman and 2d L. Jarvis, now resides in Brooklyn, and h. chd. 127 Charles (in the shipping business, in Brooklyn).

117 *Moses Osgood*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson* was born 1824, mar. S. Davis, now resides in Manchester, N. H.: and h. chd. 128 Nellie; 129 Edw.: 130 Lizzie; 131 Bertha.

118 *William S.*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson*, born 1826, mar. S. Paige, and now resides in Detroit, Mich.: h. chd. 132 William O., b. 1851; 133 Charles E., b. 1854; 134 Frank W., b. 1856; 135 Mary; 136 Nellie (all of Detroit).

119 *Timothy*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson*, b. 1828, mar. A. Cogswell, and now resides in Manchester, and h. chd. 137 Helen and 138 Carl.

17 *Joseph*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson*, b. 1677, h. chd. 62 *John*, b. 1702; 63 Richard, b. 1705.

62 *John*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson* h. chd. 84 Joseph, b. 1737; 85 Samuel, b. 1739 (who h. chd. Sam.); 86 *John*, b. 1746 (who h. chd. John, b. 1791).

5 *Samuel*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, born 1648, lived in Newbury, Mass.: mar. 1st M. Poor (of Newbury) and 2d D. Johnson (of Haverhill) and h. chd. 20 Mary, b. 1671 (she and her mother died the same day); 21 Samuel, b. 1673; 22 Salathiel, b. 1675; 23 Eliz. and Sarah; 24 Peter, b. 1679; 25 John, b. 1680; 26 James, b. 1682; 27 Stephen, b. 1683; 28 Peter, b. 1686.

8 *Jeremiah*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson* was born 1653 and died 1737; he mar. P. Hazen, and lived in Rowley. He h. chd. 29 Priscilla H.; 30 Miriam; 31 Hannah; 32 John, b. 1690; 33 Hepzibah; 34 Moses, b. 1697; 35 Jeremiah, b. 1699; 36 Amos, 1702.

11 *Benjamin*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, born 1658, died 1731, removed to Newbury, Mass.; mar. Hannah Thurston, in 1680, and h. chd. 37 Hannah, b. 1681; 38 Phebe, b. 1682; 39 Daniel, b. 1684; 40 Ruth; 41 Abigail, b. 1689; 42 Benjamin, b. 1690 and d. 1774; 43 Sarah, b. 1691; 44 Jedediah, b. 1694; 45 Mehetabel, b. 1695; 46 Jonathan, b. 1699; 47 David, b. 1702; 48 Oliver, b. 1704; 49 Bartholomew (the last two were born in Newbury, all the others at Rowley).

47 *David*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson*, born at Rowley, Mass., in 1702, h. chd. 64 *Eliphalet*, b. 1752, d. 1826; 65 *Abiel*, b. 1756 d. 1827; 66 *Jesse*, b. 1762, d. 1813; 67 Ebenezer; 68 Joseph; 69 Mary (mar. — Jewett).

64 *Eliphalet*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson* was born 1752, at Byefield parish, New-

bury, Mass., graduated at Harvard coll., 1773; was prof. at Phillips academy, Andover, from 1778 to 1786; prof. of Hebrew, at Harvard from 1786 to 1806; ordained to preach 1808; the earliest prof. at Andover theo. sem. (in the Library of the theo. sem., hangs a portrait of Prof. E. Pearson); resident at Harvard from 1820 to 1826. He died at Greenland, N. H., in 1826, leaving one child, 87 Henry B. (who grad. at Harvard in 1816).

65 *Abiel*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson* was born 1756, at Byefield parish, Newbury, Mass., spent the most of his life in the village of Andover, Mass., in the practice of medicine. He is well remembered by the old people of that village, as he rode about the country on horse-back, carrying his medicines in saddle-bags. He died 1827, and had chd. 88 David Sewall; 89 Samuel M.; 90 Eliza; 91 Mary (mar. Rev. David Oliphant), all of whom spent much of their lives in Andover.

66 *Jesse*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson* was born in Rowley, 1762, and emigrated from Byefield (of Newbury) Mass., to near Pittsburg, Penn., in 1790; mar. his wife in Rowley, (Miss Plummer), and went in company with his father-in-law (Nath. Plummer) to Penn. He died there, in 1813, and left chd. 92 *Samuel W.*, b. 1806 (who now resides in Buckstown, Penn., and has a son Frank M., in Washington, D. C.); and others (whose names are unknown to me).

13 *Stephen*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson* was born 1663 at Rowley; mar. M. French, and died 1706. He h. chd. 50 Eliz.; 51 *Stephen*, b. 1687; 52 Martha; 53 Mary; 54 Jonathan, b. 1693; 55 Patience; 56 Hepzibah.

51 *Stephen*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson*, born 1687, mar. H. Jewett, and had chd. 70 *Jonathan*, b. 1714; 71 Moses b. 1716; 72 Stephen, b. about 1816; 73 Amos, b. 1719.

70 *Jonathan*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson*, b. 1714, mar. S. Longfellow, and h. chd. 93 Mark, b. 1747; 94 Amos, b. 1750; 95 Jonathan, b. 1754; 96 Amos, b. 1757; 97 Stephen, b. 1761; 98 Nathan (who may have been the eldest son). This family of *Pearson* are closely connected with the Plummer, Jewett, and Adams families of Mass., and Blanchard and Kimball, families of N. H.

FAMILY OF JOHN PIERSON OF LYNN AND  
READING.

The above Deacon 1 *John<sup>1</sup> Pierson*, and his immediate descendants have been sometimes confounded with another *John Pearson*, who was in Lynn, and Reading, in the vicinity of Rowley, and about the same time.

1 *John<sup>1</sup> Pearson* was born in 1615 in Yorkshire, England; mar. Maudlin ———; came to Lynn, Mass., in 1637, and to Reading in 1639. He was one of the seven who formed the little church at Reading, Mass., and took a prominent part in founding the town. He died there in 1679, and had chd. 2 Mary; 3 Bertha; 4 Sarah (all three born at Lynn); 5 *John*; 6 James (both born at Reading).

5 *John<sup>2</sup> Pearson*, b. at Reading 1653 or 50; mar. T. Kendall, was representative of the town of Lynn 1702 till 1710, was known as "capt." died in 1720, and had chd. 7 James, b. 1678 (mar. H. Swaine); 8 Tabitha (mar. J. Goodwin); 9 John, b. 1684 at Lynn (mar. E. Batcheller); 10 Rebecca, b. 1686; 11 *Kendall*, b. 1688; 12 Susanna, b. 1690 at Lynn (mar. D. Gould); 13 Mary, b. 1692 (mar. G. Eaton); 14 Thomas, b. 1694 at Lynn; 15 Ebenezer, b. 1696 at Lynn; 16 Sarah; 17 Abigail, and 18 Eliz. born at Lynn.

11 *Kendall<sup>3</sup> Pearson*, born at Reading, 1588, mar. L. Boardman, and died 1763. He h. chd. 19 *Thomas*.

19 *Thomas<sup>4</sup> Pearson*, born 1709, died 1773, mar. A. Lewis and had chd. 20 *William*, b. 1732; 21 *Ebenezer*, b. 1734; 22 Thomas, b. 1736, and died young; 23 *Samuel*, b. 1739; 24 Hannah, b. 1741; 25 Susanna, b. 1743.

20 *William<sup>5</sup> Pearson*, born 1732, died at Windsor, Vt., in 1804, mar. M. Jaquith and h. chd. 26 *William*, b. 1756; 27 Nabby, b. 1758; 28 Thomas, b. 1759; 29 Sallie, b. 1761, d. 1795 (mar. Capt. Burnham); 30 Hannah, b. 1762, d. 1839 (mar. Samuel Pearson); 31 Lydia, b. 1764, d. 1846 (mar. S. Hubbard); 32 Thomas, b. 1766, d. 1794, at Windsor, Vt. (mar. ——— Sherwin); 33 John, b. 1768, d. young; 34 John, b. 1770, d. 1862, at Windsor (mar. L. Moore); 35 Benjamin, b. 1773, d. 1843, at Woodstock, Vt. (mar. P. More), and has son, 58 Benjamin, of Reading, Vt.; 36 Polly, b. 1775, d. young.

26 *William<sup>6</sup> Pearson*, born 1756, died 1836, lived at Windsor, Vt., mar. Hannah Pearson, and h. chd. 49 Hannah, b. 1782, d. 1840 (mar. E. Holden); 50 William, b. 1785, d. 1864 (mar. A. Brockway); 51 Lois, b. 1786, d. 1866 (mar. J. Holden); 52 *Abiel*, b. 1789, b. 1875, at Poultney, Vt. (mar. O. Bliss); 53 *Ira*, b. 1791; 54 *Dennis*, b. 1794, d. 1838 (mar. B. Parker); 55 *Leonard*, b. 1796, d. 1873 (mar. M. Buck); 56 Lynda, d. young; 58 *Calvin*, b. 1802, d. 1854 (mar. S. Pearson).

50 *William<sup>7</sup> Pearson*, was born 1785; died 1864, mar. A. Brock-

way, and h. chd. 70 Philander, b. 1804 (m. U. Allard), of Reading, Vt.; 71 Azula, b. 1807 (mar. A. D. Allard), of Reading, and d. 1852; 72 Alvin, b. 1810, d. 1838 (m. L. Allard) of Reading; 73 Sarah, b. 1812 (mar. G. Weeding); 74 Roxana, b. 1817 (mar. A. Holt), of Sherburne.

52 *Abiel*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson*, born 1789, died 1875, mar. O. Bliss, lived in Poultney, Vt., had chd. 75 Lucy; 76 Caroline (mar. J. Bailey); 77 Calvin, b. 1814, of Windsor; 78 Olive; 79 Olive, b. 1818 (mar. J. Flowers); 80 Alice (mar. G. W. Field); 81 Angeline (mar. J. Bramble), and died 1868; 82 Martha, d. 1868 (mar. W. Jenney); 83 Diana (mar. H. Lincoln); 84 Vesta; 85 Susan. The home of this family was at Clarendon Sp., Vt.

53 *Ira*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson*, was born 1791, mar. S. J. Pollard, of Ludlow, Vt., was for 19 years a minister of the gospel, and now lives in his ripe old age, at Newport, N. H. He had chd. 86 Ira, b. 1817, d. 1858 (of N. Y. city); 87 John William, b. 1819 (of Lowell, Mass.); 88 Sophia J., b. 1821 (mar. J. M. Emerson); 89 James (d. young); 90 Charles Edmunds, b. 1830 (mar. 1st A. Piper, and 2d M. Morrill), and d. 1863, and was a physician.

54 *Dennis*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson*, b. 1794 d. 1838, mar. B. Parker, and h. chd. 91 Cynthia, b. 1817 (mar. D. Smith); 92 Leonard, b. 1819 (mar. S. Rice) of Northfield; 93 Casandana (mar. R. Bowman); 94 Amasa, b. 1824 (mar. M. Amdon) of Rutland; 95 Larnard, b. 1827 (mar. A. E. Pearson); 96 Charles H., b. 1829 (mar. D. A. Cutting) of Rutland; 97 Philetta (mar. D. Campbell); 98 Anna (mar. S. Wright).

55 *Leonard*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson*, b. 1796, d. 1873, lived at Windsor, Vt., mar. M. Buck, and h. chd. 99 Henry S., b. 1824 (mar. E. Fifield), of Chelsea, Mass.; 100 Celestia (mar. J. B. Maynard), of Windsor, Vt.

57 *Calvin*<sup>7</sup> *Pearson*, b. 1802, d. 1854, mar. S. Pearson, lived in Windsor, and h. chd. 101 Polly (mar. S. Rogers), of Hartland, Vt.; 102 John S. (mar. — Kendall), of Rutland, Vt.

21 *Ebenezer*<sup>5</sup> *Pearson*, b. 1734, d. 1779, h. chd. 37 *Ebenezer*, who lived in Milford, N. H.; 38 *Ezekiel*, who lived in Woodstock, Vt.

37 *Ebenezer*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, h. chd. 59 James, living in Milford.

23 *Samuel*<sup>5</sup> *Pearson*, b. 1739, d. 1823, lived at Windsor, and mar. B. Gray, and h. chd. 39 Bridget, b. 1759, d. 1825 (mar. A. Boutwell); 40 *Hannah* (mar. W. Pearson); 41 Samuel, b. 1763, d. 1847 (mar. Han. Pearson), of Reading, Vt.; 42 Olive (mar. S. Whitcomb); 43 Chloe (mar. — Peabody), of Reading; 44 *Cornelius G.*, b. 1768, d. 1849 (mar. P. Benjamin); 45 John, b. 1770, d. 1822; 46 Lydia (mar. — Spencer); 47 Rhoda (mar. O. Davis); 48 Lucy (mar. J. Holden).

44 *Cornelius G.*<sup>6</sup> *Pearson*, b. 1768, d. 1849, mar. P. Benjamin, h. chd. 60 Samuel; 61 Lewis; 62 Polly; 63 Sally; 64 Daniel; 65 Hosea; 66 Asa. This family in New York city.

FAMILY OF SAMUEL PEIRSON,

WHO CAME TO PENN. ABOUT 1699, AND

FRAGMENTARY PEDIGREES OF PIERSON, PEAR-  
SON, PEIRSON, PIERSONS AND PERSON.

1 *Samuel*<sup>1</sup> *Peirson*, emigrated from Yorkshire, Eng.; settled in Philadelphia about 1699. He belonged to the society of Friends; was twice mar. He and family removed to the back settlements in North Carolina; and in the war which ended in 1763 is said to have been murdered, with all the family (except two chd.) by the Indians. By his first w. he h. chd. 2 *Samuel*; 3 Thomas; 4 George; 5 Mary; 6 Eliz.

2 *Samuel*<sup>2</sup> *Peirson* (Capt.), was born in Phila., about 1731; and died at New Gloucester, Maine, July, 1791. He is said to have commanded the first ship that made the passage by way of Cape of Good Hope to China. He was afterwards in commercial business in Boston. His cottage, "with paling in front, and garden in the rear, was on Devonshire st. (then Quaker lane) between the old Exchange coffee house and State st." The Boston massacre took place very near his dwelling, and one of the wounded soldiers fell upon his doorstep. He mar. Eliz. Cox, who was born in Boston, Mar., 1726, and died in Biddeford, Maine, Apr., 1809. Had chd. 7 *Samuel*; 8 *George*.

7 *Samuel*<sup>3</sup> *Peirson*, was born in Boston, Feb. 22, 1759, and died in Biddeford, May, 1852. He served nearly 6 mos. in the army of the Revolution; was one of Gen. Washington's private clerks; afterwards resumed commercial employment, in which he was engaged in Salem, Mass., and in Portland, Me. About 1792, took up his residence in Biddeford, Me., and remained there till his death. He mar. in Salem, Sarah Page (b. at Medford, Mass., Oct. 7, 1755). His 2d w. was Sarah Hill. By the former w. he had chd. 9 Samuel Page, b. Mar. 5, 1784, who was murdered by the Malays, in the Bay of Bington; 10 Eliz. Cox, b. at Falmouth, May 14, 1786, d. Mar., 1787; 11 George, b. at Portland, Dec. 5, 1787, drowned at Saco, May 6, 1797; 12 Thomas, b. at Portland, July 17, 1789, drowned at Saco, May 6, 1797; 13 John, b. at Danvers, Mass., Feb. 3, 1791, lost at sea, in 1826 (master of ship Armadillo, which capsized); 14 Abel Lawrence, b. at Biddeford, Jan'y, 1793, d. Oct., 1794; 15 *Abel Lawrence*, b. at Biddeford, Nov., 1794, drowned at Norwalk, Ct., May, 1853; 16 Eliz., b. at Biddeford, Dec., 1796, d. 1798; 17 Sarah Page, b. at Biddeford, June, 1801, and mar. to Capt. Sam. White, of Biddeford. By 2d w. he h. chd. 18 Jeremiah Hill, b. June, 1806; 19 Abigail Margaret, b. Feb., 1808;

20 George Washington, b. Dec., 1809; 21 Daniel Josiah, b. Feb., 1811, d. June 29, 1826; 22 Eliz. Mary, b. May, 1813 (mar. Samuel Chase); 23 Thos. McCobb, b. May, 1816 (mar. Sarah Dunn, and h. chd. Isabella, Harriet and Thomas); 24 Harriet Lawrence, b. Jan'y, 1818, d. Feb., 1837.

8 George<sup>3</sup> Peirson, born Dec., 1767, died at Portland, Maine, July 19, 1837. (No knowledge of his family further).

15 Abel Lawrence<sup>4</sup> Peirson, was born at Biddeford, Me., Nov. 25, 1794; in 1819 mar. Harriet Lawrence, of Salem, Mass.; resided at Salem, where he practiced medicine, for many years; was drowned in the rail road disaster at Norwalk, Conn., May 6, 1853; was buried at Salem. He h. chd. 25 Edward Brooks; 26 Abby Lawrence, b. in Salem, 1821; 27 John L., and 28 Sarah S., d. young; 29 Abel Lawrence, b. 1824; 30 Harriet L., b. 1831 (mar. Rev. William Ropes, now of Andover, Mass.); 31 Charles L., b. 1833, d. 1873 (mar. Emily Russell, of Boston); 32 James J., b. 1833, d. 1847.

25 Edward Brooks<sup>5</sup> Peirson, born in Salem, Mass., Jan'y 22, 1820, died there 1874 in Nov. He mar. 1st Catharine Saltonstall, and 2d Ellen Eliz. Perry, of Keene, N. H. By the latter he had chd. 33 Catharine; 34 Margaret W.; 35 Ellen Perry; 36 Edward Lawrence; 37 Horatio Perry.

29 Abel Lawrence<sup>5</sup> Pierson, born July 24, 1824, died Mar., 1870. He mar. Eliz. T. Sutton, and lived in Peabody, Mass. He h. chd. 38 Annie Osborne mar. P. W. Hasbrouck, of N. Y. city; 39 Harriet Lawrence mar. Caleb Caller, of Peabody, Mass.; 40 Mary H.; 41 Abel L.

FAMILY OF MOSES PEARSON.

1 *Moses*<sup>1</sup> *Pearson*, appeared at Bradford, Mass., as an emigrant from the old country, though name of place and date of emigration are missing. He settled in Bradford, and mar. Martha Goss. His children were 2 *Moses*; 3 Hetty (became wife of — Wheeler); 4 Hannah (became w. of — Waldo); 5 *Samuel*, b. Mar. 30, 1770, d. 1836; 6 *John*.

2 *Moses*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, had chd. 7 Hannah; 8 Liber; 9 Amelia; 10 Lucinda; 11 Polly; and others who d. young.

5 *Samuel*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, was born Mar. 30, 1770, at Bradford, Mass., and d. in Providence, R. I., in 1836. He mar. 1st Judith Thurston<sup>1</sup> (dau. of Daniel Thurston, of Rowley, Mass.), Oct. 10, 1793, and 2d L. B. Coy. By his first wife he had chd. 12 *Luther*, b. Sept. 21, 1794; 13 Susanna b. 1895, d. 1796; 14 *Daniel Chute*, b. April 30, 1798, d. Sept. 1828; 15 *William Colman*, b. April 16, 1801, d. Jan'y 1815; 16 Harriet, b. Oct. 16, 1803 (w. of Capt. William Comstock, of Providence), in Providence, where she still resides; 17 Henry (twin with Harriet), b. Oct. 16, 1803, d. 1806; 18 *Samuel*, b. Dec. 4, 1805, d. Jan'y, 1874; 19 Susanna, b. Aug. 7, 1807; 20 Henry Adams, b. May, 1811, at Providence, at which place he died in Nov. 1835, unmarried; 21 Martha G., b. Dec. 1813, at Providence, d. 1814.

12 *Luther*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson* was born Sept. 21, 1794, in Reading, Mass., removed with his father to Providence, and in 1819 mar. L. M. Arnold (dau. of Capt. J. Arnold, of Providence). He had chd. 35 Eliz. A., b. Mar. 9, 1820 (w. of Dr. H. Button, of Vt.); 36 Phebe A., b. Jan. 6, 1823, d. 1826; 37 Samuel A., b. January 9, 1827, died unmar.; 38 Phebe A., b. April 18, 1829; 39 Lonise M., b. Oct. 6, 1831; 40 Sarah, b. May 2, 1834 (w. of J. Greene); 41 John A., b. April 26, 1836, unmarried.

14 *Daniel Chute*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson* was born April 30, 1798, in Reading, Mass., removed with his father to Providence; mar. Nancy Bugbee; and died Sept., 1828. He had chd. 42 Martha; 43 William; 44 Daniel; 45 George.

15 *William Colman*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson* was born at Providence, Apr. 16, 1801; mar. Mary Earl, in 1826; and died in Jan., 1865. He had chd. 46 Fanny E.; 47 William E.; 48 Henry Augustus, now residing in Jersey City, N. J., and is unmarried.

47 *William E.*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson* married S. Vanderbeek, and now resides in Jersey City, N. J. Has chd. 56 Frank; 57 Isaac.

18 *Samuel*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson* was born at Providence, Dec. 4, 1805, and died in Jersey City, Jan. 1874. He mar. Phebe S. Knapp (of Stamford, Ct.), at N. Y., Feb. 23, 1839. He had chd. 49 Samuel (now residing in Jersey City, and unmarried), b. Nov. 23, 1839; 50 Joseph T., died young; 51 James E., d. young; 52 Charles,

<sup>1</sup> Judith Thurston, was born in Rowley, 1771, and d. at Providence, in 1824.



died young; 53 Emma P., b. May 5, 1850 (w. of E. Rodd, of Jersey City); 54 William Comstock, b. Feb. 6, 1852 (resides in Jersey City); 55 Henry Clay, b. Jan. 10, 1854 (resides in Jersey City).

6 *John<sup>a</sup> Pierson* was born at Bradford, Mass., mar. 1st P. Fowler, in 1803, and 2d L. Perrin, in 1819. He had chd. 22 Achsah; 22 Tackpin; 24 William; 25 Betsey; 26 Eben; 27 John; 28 Laura; 29 Polly; 30 Caroline; 31 Marshal; 32 Delia; 33 Daniel; 34 Eunice.

#### FRAGMENTARY RECORDS.

1 *Richard<sup>1</sup> Piersons* emigrated to this country, and settled in Hope, Maine; afterwards removed to Bristol, where he remained till 1812, when he again removed to Montville, Me. He had chd. 2 Patience (mar. S. Raynes; 3 *William M.*); 4 Mary (mar. W. Kelley); 5 Miles; 6 *Richard*; 7 Sally (mar. S. Varney); 8 Esther (J. Fogg).

3 *William M.<sup>2</sup> Persons*, born 1798, mar. B. Stone, went to Bangor to live, in 1832, where he still resides. He and his brother Richard removed to Bangor, and there found persons of the same name, who spelt their name *Persons*; so to be like their neighbors, they adopted the same mode of spelling their own name. He h. chd. 9 *William S.* (who mar. L. Lancaster, and has chd. Mary and Frank) of Cincinnati; 10 *Martin S.* (mar. J. Savage, and has chd. Theodore) of Providence, R. I.; 11 *Benjamin W.* (mar. M. Lewis) lives in Providence; 12 Sarah (mar. C. Crosby).

6 *Richard<sup>2</sup> Persons*, mar. O. Bragg; went to Bangor, 1832; but now resides in Chicago; he h. chd. 13 Volney; 14 Helen; 15 Mary; 16 Etta.

1 *Thos.<sup>1</sup> Pierson*, was born in Eng. about 1753, and emigrated about 1774, to Loudon co., Virginia. He had a liberal education in Eng., mar. E. Palmer; and died in 1835, in Bedford co., Va. His father "held a high position in Eng." though his name is lost. His mother's maiden name was Effie Hutchinson. He had a bro. 2 Richmond.<sup>1</sup> He h. chd. 3 *Thomas*; 4 Sallie; 5 John of Kentucky; 6 David of Ky.; 7 Abel, d. young; 8 Lizzie (mar. A. Cooper); 9 Ruth; 10 Palmer, of Alabama, died 1855; 11 *George*; 12 Benjamin Allen, of Ky.

3 *Thos.<sup>2</sup> Pierson*, was born in Loudon co., Va., 1783; removed to Bedford co., then to Franklin co., and died 1870. He h. chd. 13 *Peyton*; 14 Nancy, b. 1809; 15 Joseph A., b. 1814 (mar. M. Smith); 16 Betsey, b. 1817; 17 Kate; 18 Benjamin, b. 1825; 19 Mary Ann (mar. M. W. Williams, of Oak Level, Va.).

11 *George<sup>2</sup> Pierson*, married M. Hardy, and h. chd. 20 Mary; 21 Eliza; 22 Nancy; 23 George; 24 Caroline; 25 Sally; 26 John.

13 *Peyton<sup>3</sup> Pierson*, was born 1807, and resided in Oak Level, Va. He h. chd. 27 *Thomas*; 28 Martha; 29 Mary C.; 30 Anne E.; 31 Sarah E.

27 *Thomas*<sup>4</sup> *Pierson*, was born 1831, mar. S. Hoy; now resides in Oak Level, where he is a preacher of the Baptist church.

1 *Harrison*<sup>1</sup> *Piersons*, married M. Huntly, and h. chd. 2 *Henry Harrison*, who was an only child, and spelt his name *Persons*.

2 *Henry Harrison*<sup>2</sup> *Persons*, was born in Middlebury, Wyoming co., N. Y., in 1812, and removed to Chautauqua co. He h. chd. *A. M.* (who is a practicing physician in N. York city; was born 1839, at Chautauqua co., and mar. A. J. Osborne. He spells his name *Piersons*, and says "I am under the impression that the stock came from Mass., but have no means of ascertaining certainly"). 4 *Charles H.* (now residing in Cassadaga, N. York).

1 *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup> *Pearson*, "was of old Quaker stock, dating their lineage back to Wm. Penn. Two brothers, Thomas (?) and Benjamin (?) *Pearson* came to this country, one with Wm. Penn and the other soon after: Jno. was the son of one of them." He h. chd. 2 *Samuel*.

2 *Samuel*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, was born about 1773, in Chester co., Penn.; emigrated to Mercer co., 1818; mar. S. A. Welch of Phila., in 1800; and died in 1867. He h. chd. 3 *Margaret*, b. June 16, 1805 (mar. Mr. McCreary); 4 *Golden*, b. Aug. 11, 1811 (of Clark-son, Columbia co., Ohio); 5 *W. H. Harrison*, b. Aug. 27, 1813 (of New Castle, Lawrence co., Penn.); 6 *Clement*, (*M.D.*); 7 *Rose* (mar. — Means); 8 *John Barbie*; 9 *Isaac Serrell*; 10 *Samuel*.

6 *Clement*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson*, was born in Penn., Dec. 19, 1819, mar. Miss Rose, and is now a practicing physician in Washington, D. C. He h. chd. 11 *William R.* (of Washington); 12 *M. Suela* (mar. — Penfield).

8 *John Barbie*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson*, born in Penn.; h. chd. 13 *George* (of Fayetteville, Lawrence co., Penn.); 14 *James* (of same place); 15 *Robert* (of Springfield, Ill.).

9 *Isaac Serrell*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson*, born in Penn.; h. chd. 16 *John B.* (of Bushnell, McDonough co., Ill.); 17 *Isaac* (of Macon, Ill.).

10 *Samuel*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson*, born in Penn.; h. chd. 18 *James R.* (of New Castle, Penn.); 19 *David W.* (of same place).

In Smith's *History of Delaware Co., Penn.*, I find the following notes, from which it is probable that the above 1 *Jonathan*<sup>1</sup> *Pearson* is in direct descent from the following Thomas: 1 *Thomas*<sup>1</sup> *Pearson*, (or *Pearce*, on Holmes's Diagram of Del. co., 1688), came from Cheshire, Eng., 1682, with William Penn, and settled Mapel town-ship, Penn. He mar. Margery ——. On landing at old Uptown, Penn turned to his friend *Pearson*, and asked him to name the place; accordingly he named it Chester. He was the maternal grand-father of Benj. West, the artist. Some of his descendants spell the name *Parsons*, some *Person*, and some *Pierson*. He h. chd. 2 *Robert*; 3 *Thomas*; 4 *Lawrence*; 5 *Enoch*; 6 *John*; 7 *Alice*; 8 *Sarah*; 9 *Benjamin* (all born in Penn.).

1 *Thomas*<sup>1</sup> *Pearson*, had brothers 1 *John*<sup>1</sup> *Persons*, who was an early settler of Newtown township, Penn., and died 1709, leaving no family. He came from Cheshire, Eng., also, and 2 *Edward*<sup>1</sup> *Pierson* who came in 1687 to Darby, Penn.; from Cheshire, Eng., was a mason by trade; and a member of the society of Friends, but not very strict. He h. chd. Lawrence, and perhaps Thomas and Abel.

Also, in Smith's *Hist. of Delaware Co., Penn.*, we find the following note: "1 *Benjamin*<sup>1</sup> *Pearson*, born 1682, died 1763; mar. W. S. Burbeck; came from Rotherham, Yorkshire, Eng., in 1712; settled in Darby, Penn. They were in membership with the Friends at time of arrival. He was better educated than most of the emigrants of that age; but as he felt little interest in the new country, he never made exertion to acquire property in it. He h. chd. 2 Benjamin (b. in Eng.); 3 *Thomas* (b. in Eng.); 4 *John* (b. in Am.); 5 Joseph (b. in Am.); 6 Samuel (b. in Am.); 6 Joshua (b. in Am.); 8 Isaac (b. in Eng.).

3 *Thomas*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, born in Eng.; settled in Darby; mar. H. Blumston, and h. chd. 9 *John* (who begat 10 *Benjamin*, who begat 11 *Horace Pearson*, of Philadelphia).

4 *John*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, born in Penn.; mar. A. Bevan, and became the ancestor of all the Darby family."

1 *Thomas*<sup>1</sup> *Pearson*, was born at Rich Hill, Armagh co., Ireland, where among the Quakers, his father and grandfather lived, having emigrated from Eng. to that place. When fifteen years old he came with his father (whose name was Thomas also) to New Castle, Del. (so given, but is probably Penn.). He was a minister in the society of Friends, and died at the age of seventy-nine yrs. in Delaware co., Penn. He had brothers 2 William (d. young); 3 *Francis*, b. 1795, d. 1875 (who h. chd. Thomas now of Indiana, and James, now of York co.); and sisters 4 Jane; 5 Elizabeth (mar. Mr. Marcellus, and lives in Zanesville, Ohio). He h. chd. 6 *Robert*, b. 1803 (who has chd. 16 Robert; 17 Albert; 18 Jacob, all in Phila.); 7 *Thomas*, b. 1805 (who has chd. 19 Thomas C.; 20 Francis; 21 Henry Clay; all born in Del. co., Penn.); 8 Sallie, b. 1807; 9 Elizabeth, b. 1810; 10 Rachel, b. 1813; 11 Jacob, b. 1815, of Phila. (who h. chd. in Phila., 22 William; 23 Jacob L.; 24 Thomas); 12 *Francis C.*, b. 1817 (who h. chd. 25 Simpson, b. 1842; 26 Thomas, b. 1844, now a Methodist minister in Phila.); 27 Francis Alpheus, b. 1847; 28 Jane; 29 Amelia E.; 30 John S. now a physician in Phila., and acts as missionary among the poor in the Phila. hospitals); 13 Jane, b. 1819; 14 *Marsh*, b. 1822 (who h. chd. 31 Edward; 32 John, of Phila.); 15 Abigail, b. 1825.

The following are of the Long Island family of *Pierson*, but I am unable to find the connection.

William Pierson, Daniel Pierson and David Pierson, came from L. I., and settled in Westfield, N. J. 1 *David*<sup>1</sup> *Pierson*, was born

abt. 1732 or 40, died 1789, was bur. at Scotch Plains, N. J., and h. chd. 2 Stephen, b. 1763; 3 Hannah, b. 1765; 4 Squier, b. 1768; 5 Daniel, b. 1770; 6 Moses, b. 1774; 7 *Moses*, b. 1776; 8 Samuel, b. 1778; 9 David, b. 1783. (The first three and last members of this fam. removed to Ohio, in 1816.)

7 *Moses*<sup>2</sup> *Pierson*, born 1776, mar. E. M. Brown, and had chd. 10 William M., b. 1808 (a minister now residing in Brooklyn, N. Y.); 11 Daniel M., b. 1810; 12 Charlotte, b. 1811; 13 George W., b. 1813; 14 David M., b. 1815; 15 John, b. 1816; 16 Charles, b. 1818; 17 Avaline, b. 1820; 18 Lydia, b. 1822. It is said of this family that they "show forth honesty, frugality, temperance, respectability, and religion."

*William*<sup>1</sup> *Pierson*, the brother of David, was the ancestor of *John Davis P.*, who was father of John D., Blanchard, Ralph and others, in N. J.

1 *John*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, born in Boston, June 1745, mar. S. Reed; lived in Boston, served in the army of the Revolution; was taken by the English to the East Indies, and confined in the Black Hole, Calcutta. His father (whose name is lost) was the first baker in Boston, and introduced the making of ginger-bread there. He had chd. 2 *John*, b. April 1767, in Boston, and left home while young and was never heard from; 3 *Thomas*; 4 *William*; 5 *Susanna*, b. 1773; 6 *Eliz.*, b. 1775.

3 *Thos.*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, b. Dec. 1769, in Boston, had chd. 7 *Thos.*, b. 1792; 8 *Abigail*; 9 *Mary*; 10 *John*, b. 1797; 11 *Eliz.*; 12 *Susannah*; 13 *Charlotte*; 14 *Sally*; 15 *Jefferson*, b. 1807; 16 *James*, b. 1809; 17 *William*, b. 1811; 18 *Harriet*, b. 1814.

4 *William*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, b. Feb. 1771 in Boston, mar. M. Simpson, died in Boston, 1810; had chd. 19 *William*, b. 1796, d. 1825, at the West Indies (mar. M. Anderson); 20 *Henry*, b. 1798, d. 1863 (mar. C. Rush), lived in Cambridge, Mass.; 21 *Eliza* (mar. G. Shepard); 22 *John D.*, born 1802 (mar. M. Jones) and lived in Cambridge; 23 *Chas. S.*, b. 1810 (mar. 1st E. Dodge, and 2d E. Haley) lived in Cambridge; 24 *Alexander*, b. 1808, mar. E. Cook.

20 *Henry*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson* b. 1798 (of Cambridge) had chd. 25 *William Henry*, b. 1823 and d. 1872, mar. H. Emery; 26 *Louisa*, b. 1829 (mar. S. Abbott); 27 *Sarah*; 28 *Caroline*; 29 *John A.*; 30 *Edwin R.*, killed at the battle of Bull Run, 1862, aged 24 years.

22 *John D.*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson*, b. 1802 (of Cam.), h. chd. 31 *John H.*, b. 1828, in Portland, d. 1873, mar. M. Gardner; 32 *Mary D.* (mar. W. M. Mullen); 33 *Abby* (mar. M. M. Grant); 34 *Edward J.*, b. 1835, d. 1843; 35 *Fanny*, d. 1853.

23 *Chas. S.*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson* (of Cam.) had chd. 36 *Charles A.*, b. 1847; 37 *Eliz.*, b. 1852.

24 *Alexander*<sup>3</sup> *Pearson*, b. 1808 (mar. E. Cook), h. chd. 38 *Ade-*

laid, b. 1847; 39 Alexander, b. 1841; 40 Maria, b. 1843; 41 Frederick, b. 1845.

In Babson's *Hist. of Gloucester, Mass.*, is the following: "*James Pearson*, a sea captain, is said by descendants to have come to this town from Bristol, Eng.; mar. Hannah, dau. of Capt. Andrew Robinson, 1738, and settled at Gloucester; died Mar. 1786, aged 77 yrs. He h. chd. 1 *William*, d. Dec. 5, 1826, aged 85 yrs.; 2 *William* (again) d. at the West Indies, Feb. 9, 1795, aged 26 yrs.; 3 *Edmund*, lost at sea."

1 *William Pearson* (d. 1826, ag. 85 yrs.) h. chd. 4 *William Bonaparte*, who d. 1825, aged 28, and h. chd. 5 *William*; and 6 *James G.* The latter two now reside in San Francisco. 5 *William Pearson* (of S. F.), mar. Anna Starkey and h. chd. Anna and William, both d. young; 6 *James G. Pearson* (of S. F.), is unmarried.

1 *Samuel Pearson*, mar. Hannah Clough, and lived in Hopkinton, N. H. He h. chd. 2 *Eliphalet*, born at Hopkinton, Oct. 20, 1802, who mar. 1st *Caroline Sherwood* (of Waterford, N. Y.), and h. chd. 3 *Mary* and 4 *Geo.* both of whom died; and mar. 2d, Mrs. *Salome Brown*, by whom he h. chd. 5 *George*; 6 *Caroline*; 7 *Martha*; and 8 *Eliphalet*. Of these 5 *George Pearson*, mar. M. L. Dunkel, and h. chd. *Kate*, *Lottie* and *George*. He is an auctioneer, in the city of New Orleans.

2 *Martin<sup>2</sup> Pierson*, born 1786, died 1868, was probably the son of *Joseph<sup>1</sup> Pierson* (though he is not located), and mar. *Marie E—*, b. 1789, and d. 1831. They h. chd. 3 *Stephen R.*, b. 1811 (now lives at Albion, Mich.); 4 *David S.*, b. 1813 (lives at Pierson, Mich.; mar. C. Elliott, and h. chd. *Geo. M.*; *Wm. N.*; *Memon*; *Laura*; and *Walter*); 5 *Amelia* (w. of — *Shirk*, of N. Y.); 6 *Betsey* (w. of — *Fisher*, of N. Y.); 7 *George*. (of Pierson, Mich.); 8 *Orison* (of Pierson); 9 *Aaron* (of Evert, Mich.); 10 *Rachel* (w. of — *Maltby*), of N. Y.

*David Pierson* (whereabouts unk.), h. ch. *David*, who had ch. *William* (mar. *Eliz. Cullis*); this *William* was the father of Rev. *Wm. H. Pierson*, of Mass.

*Bartholomew Pierson* was admitted freeman in Watertown, Mass., 1648. He came to W. in 1639; removed to Woburn, Mass., 1652; died 1687; left wife *Ursula*, who d. 1694, and h. chd. *Bartholomew*, b. 1641-2, d. 1661; *Martha*; *Jonathan*, b. 1648; *Joseph*, b. 1650.

The Col. Rec., say "*Porsune* was selectman of Woburn, 1665-6." Probably this same *Bartholomew*.

*Hugh Pierson*, of Watertown, Mass., 1640, h. chd. *Ruth*. He died in 1675, very poor, as he had lived.

*John Pierson*, of Middletown, 1640, d. 1677; and left one son, who died young.

*Peter Pierson*, of Boston, 1660, was a Quaker, for which he was persecuted, and was whipped at the cart's tail through Boston to Roxbury and Dedham.

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ARMS AND CRESTS OF THE FAMILY.\*

(FROM BURKE'S ENCLY. OF HERALDRY.)

- Pierson — (Bedfordshire). Per fesse, embattled gu. and az., three suns ppr.
- Pierson — (Devonshire) Per fesse embattled gu. and az., three suns in splendor, or.  
Crest — Out of a mural coronet, chequy or and az., a parrot's head, ppr.
- Pierson or Pearson — (Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire and Westminster).  
Ar. two chev. sa. On a canton of the last, an eagle displ. of the first.  
Crest — Out of a ducal coronet, or, an ostrich's head between two ostrich feathers, or.
- Pierson — (London). Ar. two chev. az. between three leaves erect, vert.  
Crest — A doe or hind's head, coupé, ar. charged with two chev. az.
- Pierson — (Dean of Salisbury). Per fesse az. and gu. three suns, or.  
Crest — a demi-lion ppr. holding in the dexter paw a sun, or.
- Pierson — Ar. two chev. az., between three oak leaves, erect, ppr.
- Pierson — Sa. three suns in pale or, between two pallets ermine.
- Pierson — Per fesse crenellée gu. and az. three suns, or.  
Crest — A parrot vert, beaked and legged, gu.
- Pearson — (Lancashire). Az. five fusils, in fesse or, within a double tressure, flory, counterflory, or.
- Pearson or Pierson. Per fesse embattled az. and gu. three suns or.  
Crest — Three Savages heads conjoined in one neck, one looking to the dexter, one to the sinister, and one upwards.
- Pearson — (Northampton). Erm. on two bars gu. three bezants, two and one.

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\* Though not appropriated by either one of our families as yet.

- Pearson — (Tankerton and Maize Hill, Greenwich, co. Kent).  
Quarterly, first and fourth, erm. on two bars gu. three bezants.  
Crest — A boar's head coupé sa., in his mouth an acorn or, leaved vert. Motto *Perduret, probitas.*
- Pearson — (Tyers Hill, co. York). Az. between two pallets, wavy erm. three suns or.  
Crest — A sun ppr. issuing out of a cloud.
- Pearson — (As borne by John Pearson of Upper Gloucester Place, London, Esq.). Ar. billetty az. On a pile of the last, three horses' heads erased of the field.  
Crest — A horse's head erased, sa. billetty and gorged with a mural crown or.
- Pearson — (Balmadies, Scotland; Lion Register). Ar. two swords chevronways az. piercing a man's heart, in chief ppr. In base, a cinquefoil of the second.  
Crest — A dove holding an olive branch in her beak, ppr. Motto, *Dum spiro, spero.*
- Pearson — (Kippenrose, Scotland; Lion Register). Ar. two daggers az. issuing from the dexter and sinister chief points their points conjoined, piercing a man's heart, in base ppr. In the honour point, a cinquefoil sa.  
Crest — A tower ppr. Motto, *Rather die than be disloyal.*
- Pearson — Or, on a pile az. the sun in splendour ppr. between two lions, rampant, combatant, in base gu.  
Crest — A cock's head erased az. combed and wattled gu. charged on the neck with a sun or, holding in the beak a yellow flower, sprigged and leaved vert, between two palm branches of the last.
- Pearson — Ar. a chev. erm. between three laurel leaves, ppr.
- Pearson — (As borne by John Pearson, of New Sleaford, co. Lincoln.) Or, on a pale az. between two lions rampant, respecting each other gu. a sun in splendour of the field.  
Crest — A cock's head erased az. combed and wattled gu. between two palm branches vert, holding in the beak a heart's ease or pansy ppr. and charged on the neck with a sun in splendour or.
- Peirson — Az. three shuttles or, quills ar.  
Crest — A deer's head issuing, or.
- Peirson — Scotland. Ar. two swords chevronways, az. sustaining on their points a heart gu. In base, a rose of the last, stalked and leaved vert.  
Crest — A lion's paw, holding a heart gu.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS.

- ar.— white or silver color.
- az.— azure.
- bezants — round, flat pieces of gold, without impress.
- billetty — having oblong squares.
- canton — corner.
- chequy — having squares of different colors.
- chevrons — a two-fold line, resembling the rafters of a house.
- embowed — bent at the elbow.
- erased — torn off roughly.
- erm. — ermine.
- erminois, — a gold field with black spots.
- fesse — the centre third of the escutcheon.
- gorged — encircled around the neck.
- gu. — gules, red color.
- or. — gold, or yellow-color.
- ppr. — proper.
- sa. — sable, black color.
- vert. — green.



# ENGLISH NOTES, OBTAINED FROM STATE PAPERS, WILLS, SUBSIDIES, AND CHURCH RECORDS.

1. A.D. 1440. *William Pierston*, was rector of Thoresby.
2. *Nicholas Pierston*, was sheriff of York in 1477. The following inscription to his memory was erected in the church of St. Martin cum S. Gregory, York.  
† Orate pro anima Nickolei Person quondam civis et vicecomitis istius civitatis, et pro animabus Alicie et Cleley uxorum ejusdem qui obiit vicesimo die Aprilis Anno Dom. MCCCCLXXXX.
3. A.D. 1452, *Thomas Peirson*, sheriff of York. *Thomas Pierston*, sub-dean of York during these years. Rector of Bolton Percy and founded St. Friedeswides Chauntry in York Cathedral.  
He was probably an Oxford man. He was bur. in York Minster, in the nave, about opposite the two pillars from the west door; and has this inscription on the stone; † Hic jacet Thomas Pierston hujus ecclesie cathedralis subdecanus, qui obiit XXVIII die mensis Octobris A.D. 1490, cujus animæ propitiatur Deus, Amen.
4. Oct. 25, 1554, *Robert Pearson*, commoner and freeholder of York, voted at the election of a Burgess for the city.
5. A.D. 1496, *Bartholomew Pearson*, of Duffield took sanctuary in Beverly minster, for the murder of John Eliot.
6. A.D. 1587, Rev. *Thomas Pearson*, clerk, was sequestrator of the Tithes of song, Houghton vicarage and served the cure.
- 7 A.D. 1624, *Thomas Pearson* is part purchaser of the manor of Overton, York.
- 8 A.D. 1642, Rev. *Samuel Pearson* was presented to the vicarage of Dewsbury, in York, vacated by Rev. H. Adams.
9. A.D. 1676, *Henry Pearson*, bur. in the church of St. Maurice, York.
10. 1649, *Bartholomew Pearson*, late of Wollaston, Nottinghamshire, yeoman, died and left a wife and child. His wife's name was Anne.
11. 1613, *Nicholas Peirson*, died. He was a citizen, and merchant tailor, London.  
Had wife Anne, and a son Nickolas. Had brother-in-law James Clark of Waltham Cross. He was of Botolphs Bishopgate, London.
12. 1613, *Robert Pierston*, died. He was of Lime house, Stepney. Had land at Childon, near Durham. His wife, Agnes, was pregnant when he made his will. Had sisters Ellen, wife of Ambrose Watson; Isabelle, wife of William Chapman; and Mariel, wife of William Harrison.
13. 1616, *Thomas Peirson*, died. He was of White Chappell, by trade a fletcher. Wife Margaret. Chd. Mary (the widow of Atwood), and Launcelot.
14. 1613, *John Peirson*, died. He was of Middlesex, a yeoman, and left wife Anne, and chd. William, Thomas and Richard, and grandson William. Will proved 1633.
15. 1615, was proved the will of *John Peerson*, of the manors of Bramridge and Eastley, in the Isle of Wight. He had chd. Thomas, John, and Anne. He speaks of John Peerson of the Lowe Countries. He speaks of land at Brooke, in Isle of Wight. To his son Thomas he leaves land at Hallowell, Huntingdonshire. Speaks of his brother William Bowman.
16. 1615, will proved of *Edmund Pierston*, citizen and merchant of London: lived at St. Mary's Bowe, London. Had chd. Elizabeth and Bridgett, Anne Bennett, and sons-in-law, William Bendbowe, Edw. Bennett and A. Cooper.
17. 1606, Elizabeth Pearson, of Barking, widow. Chd. Thomas and John.
18. 1623. *Daniel Pearson*, citizen and merchant tailor, of London. Lands at Rovell, Northamptonshire. Brother George, citizen and joiner, of London. Brother Owen Ponder, of Rovell. Kinsman John Dunmore.
19. 1620, Rev. *John Pearson*, died: late vicar of Clayby, Lincolnshire, wife Anne.
20. 1633, *John Pierston*, of Hadley, yeoman, wife Anne: and chd. William, Thomas and Richard.
21. 1616, *Henry Pierston*, citizen and barber surgeon of London. Desires to be buried at St. Sepulchres, wife Mercy. Ch. Sarah. His mother Margaret.
22. 1617, *Robert Person*, of Mountfield, Sussex, brother-in-law Thomas Adgam. Sister Anne, wife of Richard Reynolds, brothers Thomas and Matthew.

23. 1607, *William Peirson*, citizen and cook, London, wife Margaret. Speaks of his father Richard, living.
24. 1586, *John Peirson*, cit. and cloth worker, London. Bur. at St. James ———. Chd. John, Matthew, Rebecca (engaged to be married to John Corsayr).
25. 1586, *Thomas Pierson*, of St. Leonards, Bromley, brother William, of Brattley, within parish of Northampton.
26. 1590, *Rufe Peirson*, of parish of St. Jiles, in the Fields. Chd. Jane and Katherine.
27. 1587, *John Pereson*, clerk, desires to be bur. at church of Edelminton lands, town of Nottingham. Cousin William Atkinson.
28. 1624, *Henry Peirson* of Guestling, Sussex clerk. Sister Sarah, w. of Rob. Gunn, of Worspur. Sister Ann, w. of John Senyer, of York. Land at Westfield. Brother Michael, who has issue John and Henry.
29. 1649, *Bartholomew Pearson*, late of Wallaton, Notts, yeoman, left w. and chd.
30. 1623, *Francis Pearson* of St. Clements Danes, left w. Ellinor, and children Phillip, Olive, Sarah, Ellinor.
31. 1652, *George Pearson*, Crookham, co. Northumberland; chd. Annie; Sisters Robinson and Marshall. Cousin George Hodson. Father-in-law George Gibson.
32. 1653, *Nick Pearson*, Brough Wallas, York, w. Elizabeth: chd. Nickolas and Mary.
33. 1633, *Thomas Peirson*, Brompton Bryan, co. Hereford, clerk. Bro. Richard, who had son Peter.
34. 1646, *Thomas Peirson*, parish of St. Johns, Botolphs Oldgate, mother Joanna, Bro. John.
35. 1650, *Edward Pearson*, Beverly, chd. Mary and Eliz., Sister Hannah.
36. 1622, *Thomas Pearson*, Beverly, h. son Richard. Had a farm in Ryhill.
37. 1618, *John Peirson*, d. elder of Ryall, chd. John, Richard (father of Thomas), and Ralph, of Ryall (father of Samuel, William and Nathaniel). His bro. Martin h. chd. Henry, living, 1616, and Mary.
38. 1582, *Thomas Pearson*, bought manor of Little, Ilford, Essex.
39. 1658, *Thomas Peirsen*, Kempston, yeoman, issue Eliz. w. of Jno. Marriott, Alice, w. of Thomas Gaell, Thomas, Samuel, James and Sara.
40. 1646, *Robert Pierson*, Islington, Middex, yeoman, h. w. Jane; chd. Phillip (father of Phillip) Robert, Eliz. (w. of Annisson), Jane (w. of Boulthby), and Mary (w. of Glasbrooke). Will proved 1650.
41. 1651, *Stephen Pearson*, of Brenchley seat, clothier, Sisters Dorothy, Ferrell and Mary Jasker. His father lived at Brenchley, land at Capell Towelley. In 1633 Abraham Pierson d. at Beaminster, Dorsetshire.
42. 1600, *Thomas Person*, Sutton, St. James, Holland, issue, Cath., Lawrence, Matthew, John, Robert and Thomas.
43. 1582, *Henry Pereson*, citizen and vintner of London, to be bur. at the Nickoles Cold Abbye, London. Bros. John and Robert, cousins John and Margaret.
44. 1661, *Thomas Pierson*, of St. Stephens, h. chd. Eliz. (w. of Trumbull).
45. 1613, *Robert Peirson*, Limehouse, Stepney, left wife Agnes, and sisters Ellen (w. of A. Watson), Isabella (w. of William Chapman), and Mariall (w. of William Harrison).
46. 1636, *Thomas Pierson*, h. w. Bridgett; chd. Rebecca, Sara, Benjamin, Robert, Thomas and John. Gives to St. Marys, Islington. Bros. Benj. of Islington and Robert of Islington and John of Rougham, Norfolk, and bro. Rob. Hurst.
47. 1639, the will was proved, of Magdalen Peirson, of Old Ford parish, of Stepney, widow. She was to be bur. at Statford, below. Gives to the 7 chd. of Thomas P., cit. and draper of London, their names Michael, William, Mary, Martha, Anne, Alice and Elizabeth.
48. *Peirsons of Stafford*.  
*Thomas Pearson*, of Barking, Essex, h. w. (dau. of John Brooke of Ilford) and chd. 1 John, 2 Thomas, and 3 Joanna.  
 1 John, h. chd. Eliz., Cath., and Anne. 2 Thomas, h. chd. 1 Eliz. (w. of William Brookbank), and 2 Mary (w. of John Chillister), of London. 3 Edward, of London, and 4 John, of London.  
 3 Edward, h. w. Marg't Richardson, and chd. Edward, living in Stafford, 1614 (w. was Joan Mead) who h. chd. Edw. and Jane.  
 4 John, h. w. Eliz. Brett, and chd. 1 Thomas (w. was dau. of Barnes of Essex); and 2 John. 1 Thomas, h. chd. Thomas and Mary.  
 The coat of arms, party per fess emb. g. and b. three suns or. Crest, a parrot vert beaked and legged gu.

49. 1650, *Henry Pearson*, of Arstheston, co. Yorke, left chd. Thomas, William, Bryan, Marg't, Helen and Hester (w. of William Harton), had land at Arlesfoote.

50. 1656, *Nick Pearson*, Armesby, York, h. w. Phillis, and chd. Marg't Averell, John and dau. who mar. Ralph Tackson, son-in-law John Besecke, sister Dorothy, nephews Nick and John, Thomas and George, niece Phillis Hudson.

51. 1610, *Thomas Personne*, of Trotten, Sussex, h. w. Eliz. and chd. Roger, John, Eliz., and Perrath.

52. *Pearson of Stokesby, Yorkshire.*

*William Pierson*, h. chd. 1 Roger (who mar. Grace Jackson).

1 Roger, h. chd. 2 Wm. of Forcett (who mar. Bridget Wilkinson, Sept., 1637); 2 William, h. chd.; 3 William, of Forcett, b. 1647, d. 1752 (who mar. dau. of Constable Bradshaw, 1682), and 4 John, bur. at Stokesley (who mar. Ann Wilson of Durham); 3, William, h. chd. Ann, Marg't, and Bridget (who mar. Henry Cook); 4 John, h. chd. Christian (who mar. Joseph Sayless).

53. *Pearson of Yorkshire. Mathew Pearson* from I. of Cley, came to reside at Cleveland Yorkshire, and h. chd. 1 John, of Cleveland, who mar. Jane Philip.

1 John, h. chd. 2 Thomas of Harpsham, York, d. 1640 (who mar. Marg't Philips); 3 William, of Cleveland; and 4 Matthew, of Kilham. 2 Thomas, h. chd. 5 William of Besingley, and 6 John, of Lowthorpe, b. 1589 (who mar. Eliz. dau. of John Pearson of Mowthorpe). 6 John h. chd. William, John and Matthew.

54. *Pearson of Yorkshire, John Pearson*, of Ryall, in Holderness, 1612, h. w. Jane, and chd. Thomas, of York, 1612 (who mar. Eliz. dau. of John Knowles, of Haddon). This Thomas h. son Richard.

55. *William Pierson* lived at Besingby, Co. York.

56. *Pierson of Yorkshire. Thomas Pierson*, recorder of Beverley in Yorkshire. He inherited the estate of Moscraft, which escheated to the crown, 1700 or 1800, by death of last Pierson. He had chd. 1 Nickolas and 2 Hugh. 1 Nickolas (M.D.), was supposed to have been doctor before taking orders and becoming vicar of St. Mary's, Beverley. Removed from Beverley, during the civil wars, and appears to have been a Puritan. He h. chd. 3 Samuel, bapt. at St. Mary's, Beverley, 1637, and 4 Nick. bapt. at St. Mary's, 1638, M.D., or V.M.D. At the time of the restoration was incumbent of a parish in the Isle of Perbeck, in Dorset, d. 1693. Had w. Mary Hayward, and chd. 5 Nick. b. 1691 (who mar. Constance Budden), and a dau. b. 1666, who was mar. and left Eng., 1689, and d. in France.

Of this branch (*Pierson of Yorkshire*), came the *American Piersons*; 2 Hugh, of Moscraft, near Beverley, was buried in the Minster, 1669.

57. *Wills at York.*

1604. Adm. Jane Pearson, of Hugget. Adm. by Hugh, her son.

1614. Joan P., Anne P., and Robert P., chd. of Oswald P., of Wilberfoss.

1624. William P., of Kilnwick, Dorothy, widow, chd. James and Anne.

1628. Dorothy, of Myton, to Anne, w. of Nickolas Atkinson.

1630. Christ. P., of Bracken, to Hugh P., his son.

1636. John P., of Beverley, Mary, widow, chd. Eliz., Thos., Jno., Edw.

1640. Tristram P., of Hull.

1641. Eliz. P., adm., by Margaret P.

1644. Margaret P., of North Dalton.

1645. William P., of Huggett, by his issue, John and William.

1647. John P., of Wilberfoss, widow Margaret.

1647. Geo. P., of Hull.

1652. Eliz. P., of Lockington.

1639. Thomas P., of Ryhills.

1637. Thomas P., of Rosedale.

1646. Geo. P., of York.

1640. James Person, of Rudston.

58. *Pierson of Cambridge. Nick. Pierson*, was descendant of *Personnes of Yorkshire*, and had chd. Thomas, of Wisbeach, Cambridge, who mar. Eliz. Gayton. This Thomas had chd. Thomas, 1619, who h. w. Mary Best, and chd. Eliz., Anna, Thomas, Robert and Andrew.

59. *Pierson of Essex, Saye Pierson*, of Barking, Essex, h. chd. John or Thomas of Barking, who mar. dau. of John Broke, of Ilford. Their chd. were Joane (w. of J. Frith), and Thomas, of London, who mar. Joane Gwynne, of Windsor. The last Thomas had chd. John, Edw., Mary (mar. J. Chichester, of London), and Eliz., and Philip.

Arms, Party per chevron indented gu. and b. 3 suns or.

Crest, a parrot vert beaked and legged gu.

60. *Pierson of London*, *Richard Pierson*, citizen of London, bur. in Aldermay church, h. w. Eliz. (dau. of Edw. Ackreth, of London and of Thomasine, his wife), and chd. Edw., Rich., Henry and Margaret.

61. In the time of Elizabeth, the following *Piersons* were living: 1. Richard, in Cumberland. 2. Roger, at Weston and Redsham Parva, Suffolk. 3. William, at Odington, co. Gloucestershire. 4. Thomas, lived in 31st of Eliz. in the parish of Balton, Cumberland or Westmoreland, and at Bampton, St. Lancaster.

62. Duchy of Lancashire. Proceedings in Chancery.

31 of Eliz. *William Pierson*, at Chellaston, Derby.

30 of Eliz. *Henry Pierson*, dealer in cattle, at Rowell, Northampton.

16 and 23 of Eliz. *Alexander Pierson*, Flexton Lane.

15 of Eliz. *John Pierson*, Tubbury Honor, Derby.

25 of Eliz. *Edw. Pereson*, at Middleham Lane.

23 of Eliz. *John Pereson*, Wakepel, York.

15 of Eliz. *Henry Peerson*, Burnley Lane.

17 of Eliz. *Francis Pearson*, York.

24 of Eliz. *James Pierson*, Bradford, York.

34 of Eliz. *Silvester Pierson*, and Thomas Pierson.

63. The vicar of Newark-upon-Trent writes, "that no particulars of Rev. *Abraham P.*, are to be found. The church registers there have a long break in them after the year 1630. In 1666, *Richard Pierson*, was vicar of Newark. About that time, many of the *Piersons* were *Puritans*, and settled in Cambridge." They suffered much because of their Puritan views of religion, and some are thought to have sought refuge from persecution, in Holland. It may be that our first ancestors in America sailed from Holland to America, and therefore we can find no record of their sailing. Or, they may have first returned to England and then sailed from her shores, without leaving their names enrolled, with a note of the ship on which they sailed. When Abraham P. came to America, in 1639, it was nearly 20 years since the first pilgrims had left England, and ships were frequently setting sail for the new world, many of them without a permit, and without leaving a record of their ship or passengers. Undoubtedly, our American families came from the *Yorkshire* and *Cambridge* branch. (Refer to English notes, 52 to 58.) Persevering effort has been made there (the past year) to discover the birth place and residence of the *Piersons* who first came to the new world. Town and village registers and wills have been examined; 1002 postals of enquiry, and offering a reward for the record of Abraham Pierson's baptism, have been sent throughout *Yorkshire* and *Notts*. Replies have come back saying that in some of the parishes the registers are lost, others do not go so far back as 1630, and others are so obliterated by age that they cannot be read. Thus far, I only find of Rev. Abraham P., in England, that "he was born in *Yorkshire*, 1613, and that he matriculated at Cambridge, 1632." Probably, after his graduation at Cambridge, he was a "Non-conformist," and as he had no dealings with the established church of England, his name does not appear upon their Church Records.

A. The tradition in America is that "he was ordained in Newark, Eng." But search has been made in Newark (on the Trent), and no records can be found there concerning him.

A COPY OF THE WILL OF REV. ABRAHAM PIERSON SEN., DATED  
AUG. 10, 1671.

Newark, N. J.

"If God takes me away by this sickness or until I have made a more formal will, of a future date, then I do make and constitute this my last will and testament, being firmly persuaded of the everlasting welfare of my soul's estate my and body's resurrection to eternal life by Jesus Christ, my dear and precious Redeemer.

Imprimis. I will that all my debts be duly and truly paid as they are expressed and recorded in my broad book for reckoning, which I brought from Brandford, being carefully understood because of imperfections of the writing, or whatever else shall appear due to any though not there recorded.

2dly That my wife shall have the thirds of my whole estate, to whose love and faithfulness I commit the bringing up of my children, and do appoint her my sole executrix, and give her my great Bible and what other English books she pleaseth to choose.

3dly. For my choice and precious daughter Davenport I will that her hundred pound be made good, which I promised her upon her marriage, always provided that if upon just account of mine estate and debts, my other daughters have above an hundred pounds a piece, then she shall be advanced as much as any.

4th. For my son Abraham, I do will that besides what he has had, or any horse kind he hath that he shall have all my books (except what by particulars I give to any) together with the frame belonging to the books; upon which consideration I will that he sh. pay back again to the estate eight pounds in part of the portion of my daughter Mary, upon her marriage day, or two mos. after. For my next three sons, Thomas, Theophilus and Isaac, I will that they sh. have my whole accommodation of lands layed out or to be layed out within the limits of this plantation, always provided that my wife's thirds shall be at her sole disposal, during the continuance of her natural life. For my son Thomas, I do not bring in on his account either the home lot which the town gave him, or any horse kind which in former times I gave him. I will that he have a sufficient house lot upon his home lot in part of portion, and do give him Dr. Hall his paraphrase upon the Bible as a token of my love. For my two youngest sons, I would have them in due time to have each of them half of the homestead. Finally, all my just debts paid and my wife's thirds kept entire, I would have the whole of my remaining estate to be divided as portions to the rest of my children to wit: my three sons and four daughters according to equal valuations and proportions, the same to be payable on the day of their respective marriages, or one month after: but if they be not married, then, the male children — their portions sh. be payable when they are of the age of twenty.

Furthermore, I would have my two lesser boys, to be taught to read the Eng. tongue and to write a legible hand, and all my chd. that be at home with me to have each of them a new Eng. Bible and a good Eng. book, out of the library, such as they by the advice of their mother sh. choose. Likewise, I do request and hereby ordain my trusty and well beloved brethren and friends, Mr. Jasper Crane, Mr. Rob. Treat, Lieut. Swaine, Brother Tompkins, Bro. Lawrence and Bro. Sergeant Ward, to become supervisors of this my last will and testament, to be helpful unto my wife, and to see that this my last will be faithfully executed, and when any one of these sh. die or depart the place, the rest sh. with my wife's consent appoint some faithful man to fill up the empty place. In witness whereunto I have set my hand, the day and year first above written.

ABRAHAM PIERSON.

Witness, Thomas Pierson,

The above Thos. Pierson doth make oath th. this is the last will and testament of the deceased Abr. Pierson, and th. he knows of none other. Sworn before me, the 12th of Mar. 1678. A true copy.

CHAS. G. M. MCCLESNEY,  
Register.

B. Rev. Abraham P., left So'ton, L. I., in 1647, and went to Branford, Conn., it having become necessary to divide the church, and his removal being approved by a council.

C. In 1668, the people of Newark, N. J., at a town meeting, voted to allow Mr. Pierson the expense of his removal from Branford, and digging his well, and also stipulating to allow him a salary of £80 a year, payable half yearly, in produce at the current price; and also to give him a lb. of butter for every milch cow in the town; and voted that he should be exempted from the taxes, while he continued their minister.

Killingworth (now Clinton, Ct.), is properly Kennilworth. (Lambert's N. H. and Ct. Colonies.)

D. When the colony from Branford, Ct., in 1666, removed to the Pesayak river, they purchased land for their new settlement there, of the Indians (through the Proprietors), for which they paid the following price: "50 double heads of powder, 100 bars of lead, 20 coats, 20 pistols, 10 kettles, 10 swords, 4 blankets, 4 barrels of beer, 10 pair of breeches, 50 knives, 20 hoes, 850 fathom of wampum, 20 ankers of liquors, or something equivalent, and 3 troopers' coats." This fully satisfied the Indians for the land as far as the "foot of the great Mountain Watchung."

E. 1 Thomas<sup>1</sup> Pierson is called "Thomas sen.," to distinguish him from "Thomas the son of Rev. Abraham." Both Thomases had home-lots set off to them in Newark, N. J., and both are mentioned in various official positions, up to 1688; therefore some confusion concerning them has arisen.

1 Thomas<sup>1</sup> sen. is said to have "sworn allegiance to the Dutch, in 1673."

1 Thomas<sup>1</sup> sen. is said, by one party, to have been "the son of Henry Pierson, of Southampton;" but Henry makes no mention of any son Thomas and it is not probable that he had such a son; he is more likely to have been the brother of Henry, and of Rev. Abraham, and to have come to America at or near the same time with them.

F. Capt. Josiah Pierson, born 1726 died 1780, names in his will "Hannah Dey, and Eliz. Bond" as his children.

G. A List of "Free males" in Southampton, L. I., 1698, mentions,

Ensign Joseph	Pierson,	John	Pierson
Henry	"	David	"
Ephraim	"	Abraham	"
Left't Col. Henry	"	Josiah	"
Samuel	"	Theoder	"

and Theophilus Person.

And a list of "Free Females" mentions: .

Mary	Pierson,	Frances	Pierson,
Hannah	"	Ann	"
Sarah	"	Mrs. Sarah	Pierson.

H. Southampton, L. I., was thus established: "The government of the town was vested in the people. They assembled at their town meeting; had all power and all authority. They elected town officers, constituted courts, allotted lands, made laws, tried difficult and important cases, and from their decision there was no appeal. Town meeting, or general court, met once a month. Every freeholder was required to be present at the meeting, and take a part in the burdens of government. All delinquents were fined for non-attendance at each meeting."—*Howell's Hist. of Southampton.*

I. 2 Pres. Abraham<sup>2</sup> Pierson instituted at Yale college, a "System of Natural Philosophy," which the students of Yale continued to use, many years. Pres. Abraham received from his father 1 Rev. Abraham<sup>1</sup>, his Library, which was composed of 440 volumes, very valuable for those early colonial days. The most of these he bequeathed to the Library of Yale college.

K. "Thomas<sup>3</sup> Pierson was one of the first settlers of Derby, then called Pangassett. He purchased lands from O'Kennuch, the chief of the Sagamore Indians, a portion of which is still held by the Pierson family, and has been for over 200 yrs. Thomas Pierson held a commission from King George, which document is still preserved."

L. Under "graduates of Princeton coll," we find,

Robert Pearson,	graduated in	1782.
Eliphalet	"	1802.
John	"	1824.
Cyrus Pierson	"	1776.
Isaac	"	1789.
Ebenezer	"	1791.

Charles Edwin Pierson	graduated in	1807.
William	" "	1816.
Albert	" "	1816.
George	" "	1823.
Elihu	" "	1831.
David Harrison	" "	1840.
John Shaw	" "	1840.
George	" "	1853.
Edward Dixon	" "	1854.
William	Jr., (honorary),	graduated 1866.
Charles Edward	" "	1868.

The Triennial catalogue of Union college 1868 mentions the following graduates of the name :

Joseph Pierson,	graduated	1823.
George	" "	1830.
Hamilton W. Pierson	graduated	1843.
Henry R.	" "	1846.
M. Under "Graduates from Yale coll." we have		
John Pierson,	graduated in	1711.
John	" "	1729.
Wm. Seward Pierson,	graduated in	1808.
Jeremiah,	" "	1820.
Wm. Seward,	" "	1836.
George B.,	" "	1854.
Stephen C.,	" "	1864.
Isaac,	" "	1866.
Eliphalet Pearson,	" "	1802.
William,	" "	1841.

N. List of Piersons buried at Morristown, N. J.

In 1768	Moses Pierson.
" 1770	Jacob " son of Isaac.
" 1770	Eunice " dau. of Abraham.
" 1770	Rev. John Pierson.
" 1772	child of Elijah "
" "	Hepzibah " dau. of Joseph.
" 1774	John " son of Aaron.
" 1776	Abraham " son of Joseph.
" "	Eliz. " dau. of Moses.
" 1777	Timothy " "
" "	Paul " son of Benjamin, jr
" 1779	servant of Benjamin Pierson.
" 1782	Mary Pierson, dau. of Aaron.
" 1782	Thomas " found dead.
" 1783	Benjamin " "
" "	Jonathan " "
" 1784	Judith " "
" "	Mary " wid. of Abraham.
" 1785	Patience " Benjamin.
" "	Joseph " "
" "	John " son of Stephen.
" 1788	Mary " wid. of Timothy.
" 1790	Samuel " "
" "	Isaac " "
" "	Huldah " dau. of Benjamin.
" 1792	Benjamin " "
" "	Abraham " "
" 1793	Experience Pierson.
" "	Stephen " "
" 1794	Hannah " "
" "	Eliza Ann " d. of Dan.
" "	Benjamin " son of Benjamin.
" 1795	Elijah " "

- " " Lewis " s. of David.  
 " 1796 Silas " s. of David.  
 " " Mary " wid. of Jeremiah.  
 " 1797 Lemuel " "  
 " 1798 Jacob " s. of Bethuel.  
 " 1799 Phebe " wid. of Benjamin.  
 " 1800 Cornelia Dixon, dau. of Silas Pierson.  
 " 1800 Phebe Pierson, d. of Silas.  
 " 1801 Eliza " d. of Benjamin.  
 " " David " "  
 " 1802 Chd. of Timothy Pierson.  
 " " Jane Ann Pierson, d. of Geo.  
 " 1803 Aaron " "  
 " " Harriet " d. of David,  
 " " Abraham " s. of Bethuel.  
 1804 Anne Vashti " d. "  
 0. List of Piersons buried in the old grave-yard of Orange, N. J.  
 1 Samuel Pierson, died Mar. 19, 1730, aged 67 yrs.  
 2 Mary H. " his wife, dau. of Richard Harrison, died Nov. 15, 1732, aged 68 yrs.  
 3 Thomas " died Mar. 5, 1758, aged 80 yrs.  
 4 Samuel " died Mar. 6, 1781, aged 82 yrs. 11 mos.  
 5 Mary S. " his wife, died Dec. 17, 1779, aged 79 yrs.  
 6 Joseph " died Aug. 1759, aged 66 yrs.  
 7 Hepzibah Camp, his wife, died Nov. 1769, aged 73 yrs.  
 8 Joseph " chd. of Joseph and Hepzibah Pierson.  
 9 Eliz. " " " "  
 10 Mary " " " "  
 11 Sarah P. Meeker, " " " " died Jan. 1737, aged 19 yrs.  
 12 Eliz. P. Taylor, " " " " died Nov. 1763, aged 28 yrs.  
 13 Dea. Bethuel Pierson, died May 16, 1791, ag. 70.  
 14 Eliz. Pierson, his wife, died Dec. 26, 1776, ag. 52 yrs.  
 15 Dr. Matthias Pierson, died May 9, 1809, ag. 74 yrs.<sup>1</sup>  
 16 Phebe N. Pierson, his wife died Dec. 28, 1826, ag. 84 yrs.<sup>2</sup>  
 17 Sarah P. Connor (dau. of Samuel and Phebe Pierson), died Nov. 14, 1788, ag. 29 yrs.  
 18 Lydia Pierson (dau. of Samuel and Phebe Pierson), died Sept. 1771, ag. 2 yrs.  
 19 Rebecca Pierson (dau. of Sam. and P. Pierson), d. Nov. 1776, ag. 1 yr.  
 20 Jotham " (son of " " " ), d. Feb. 1794, ag. 22 yrs.  
 21 Caleb " (son of John and P. Pierson), d. Aug. 1770, ag. 10 yrs.  
 22 Polly Pierson (dau. of Matthias and Phebe Pierson), died April 1804, ag. 23 yrs.  
 23 Matthias Jr (son of Dr. Matthias and P. Pierson), died Jan. 1812, ag. 36 yrs.  
 24 Dr. Cyrus Pierson, died Oct. 1804, ag. 48 yrs. (removed to Rosedale cemetery).  
 25 Horace Pierson (son of Dr. Cyrus Pierson) died Apr. 1814, ag. 22 yrs. (removed to Rosedale cem.)  
 P. Buried in Newark, N. J.  
 In 1771 Jonathan Pierson, aged 26 years.  
 In 1788 Capt. Josiah Pierson, aged 54 years.  
 In 1772 Mary Pierson (w. of Josiah) aged 34 years.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Matthias and his wife were removed to Rosedale cemetery.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RECORD OF THE PIERSONS, BY JOHN S. PIERSON, OF NEW YORK.

FAMILY OF JAMES PEIRSON.

1 *James<sup>1</sup> Peirson*, was sent out to the colonies, about 1715, when he was 16 years old. His first memories were of living in a fine house, in luxury, with his father an old man, and his mother much younger, there being one or two sisters, much older than himself (but no brothers), then of the death of both father and mother, and his being placed by his friends in a farm house in Wales for his health. Thence, after some time, he was taken by an uncle or brother-in-law, and put on board a ship bound to America, in order to inherit the property belonging to the lad. On his arrival in America James was either sold or apprenticed (in New Jersey), till he should become of age, to pay for his passage over. He worked his way along through great difficulties, having before him the purpose of returning to England and Wales, to claim his rights, as soon as able. But he married a wife, and settled down, first in or near Newark, and afterwards at Hanover, New Jersey, and then decided to wait till his son Moses was old enough to go for him, which he never did. His wife's name was Esther Williams. His will is dated Hanover, N. J., Sept. 3, 1761, and provides for his wife and four daughters, and gives all the rest of his property to his son Moses. In that document, his own and his wife's name, is spelt *Peirson*; though the signature seems to be *Pirson*. He had children:

- (2) 1. *Moses*, b. in Newark, N. J., Oct. 17, 1733.
2. Ruth. She married Nathaniel Tichenor and had children, Hannah, Esther, Aaron.
3. Hannah; married — Baldwin.
4. Martha; married — Bowers.
5. Esther; married.

(2) *Moses<sup>2</sup> Peirson* (James<sup>1</sup>) (so he always spelled his name), lived at Parsippany, N. J., certainly from 1755 to 1763, and probably till 1770; m. Rachel Smith, March 27, 1754. She was b. Oct. 13, 1735, and d. March 22, 1813. Being obliged to sell his property in N. J., in order to pay off the indebtedness of his father incurred for the benefit of a son-in-law, he bought 1000 acres (or more) of wilderness land in Shelburn, Vt., and moved upon it with his family in 1770. At one time, four sons, and three daughters were settled upon portions of this tract.

During the revolutionary war, he was forced to leave his home in Shelburn, as it was on the frontier and much exposed to the depredations of Tories and Indians. After a battle at his own door, he removed to Shoreham, and then to Rutland. His sons Ziba and Uzal (æt. 17 and 15) were taken by the Indians and carried to

Montreal. They escaped and returned to thier parents, after wandering in the woods forty days, with only such food as they could find there.<sup>1</sup>

After the war, Moses Peirson returned to Shelburn and d. there Feb. 28, 1805. He had chd. (all born at Parsippany, N. J., except the last two, who were born at Shelburn).

1 James, b. Oct. 3, 1755, d. Dec. 14, 1775, at Shelburn, Vt.

2 Sarah, b. Oct. 12, 1757; m. Isaac Van Arnum and d. in Ohio. Their chd. were Miles, George F. (born in Quebec, 1779), Rachel, Ethan Allen and Heman; with the exception noted, all born in Shelburn, Vt.

3 Zillah, b. July 5, 1759; d. at Hector, N. Y. She mar. Jared Post. Their chd. (all born at Shelburn, Vt.), were: James, Hiram (both drowned, aged 10 and 12, with their father in Lake Champlain, about 1796); Henry, who moved to Ohio; Polly, m. — Dee, and lived and d. in Georgia, Vt.; Sally, m. — Tyler; Laura, b. 1792, d. April 15, 1814; and Sophia, d. March 7, 1814, aged 19.

(3) 4 Ziba, b. May 9, 1761.

(4) 5 Uzal, b. May 4, 1763.

(5) 6 William, b. Jan. 15, 1765.

7 Hannah, b. March 13, 1767; m. — Rich, of Richland, N. Y.

(6) 8 Samuel, b. Jan. 7, 1770.

9 Martha, b. April 9, 1772, d. Sept. 4, 1832. She m. first Nehemiah Prey of Shelburn, Vt.; their children being Tubal, b. 1797, who m. — Wainright; Susan, b. 1799, d. 1866, at Redwood, N. Y., who m. Thomas Haskell, and Nehemiah C., b. 1801, who

<sup>1</sup> The following appears in the Burlington *Free Press* of Sept. 5, 1877, under the heading,  
A BIT OF LOCAL CENTENNIAL HISTORY.

The author of the following interesting bit of traditionary history was the late Mrs. Rhoda Pierson Foot. Mrs. Foot was the youngest daughter of Moses Peirson, and was the aunt of Mrs. L. M. Hagar, of this city, who still retains the manuscript, and to whom we are indebted for a copy for printing. It was written in 1860.

*History of a family in Vermont from the memory of the youngest child (now eighty-three years old), which was told her by her parents and elder brothers and sisters, when a child; which is a true history.*

Before the revolutionary war, a man whose name was Moses Peirson, settled in Vermont on the border of Lake Champlain. The name of Shelburn was given to the town where he lived; his family consisted of a wife and several children. He purchased (1,000) one thousand acres of land for himself and family before his removal from New Jersey. A block house of hewn logs and a log barn made them very comfortable in the wilderness. About six years they lived there in peace and quietude; but one affliction gave them sorrow. That was the death of their eldest son with consumption.

When Independence was declared by a few states uniting together, it aroused King George of Great Britain, and he immediately proclaimed war against them. Then frontier troubles began. Canada was in the king's dominions and their scouts were sent out like bees from a hive to invade the suburbs of the new territory. There were but few families in the same town with Mr. Peirson, and it was the nearest settled place to the Canada line. One of his neighbors was a Mr. Fyler, from Connecticut. He turned tory, left his family, and fled to Canada and his house became a tory rendezvous. Vermont was very thinly

m. Amanda Allen. She married second, Isaac Newton Russell, also of Shelburn; their children being Ellis McArby, b. July 14, 1806, who m. in Charlotte, Vt., Sept. 29, 1830, Cornelia Curtis, had six children and d. in Chicago, Sept. 25, 1866: and William Pierson, b. at Shelburn, Jan. 6, 1810, who m. Sept. 9, 1834, Lydia Bass, at Middlebury, Vt., and d. there Jan. 4, 1872.

Dr. William Pierson Russell, was distinguished as a physician; was surgeon of the 5th Vermont regiment, and during the terrible Chichahominy campaign under Gen. McClellan, contracted a miasmatic disease from which he finally died. He was also prominent as a Mason and Odd Fellow. He had five children, and many grandchildren.

10 Rhoda, b. May 27, 1777; mar. Uric Foot of Shelburn, Vt. They had chd., Roxy, who mar. — Cook; had chd. Horace (married) and Henrietta, both living at Auburn, N. Y.; and William, who resides at Buffalo, N. Y.

(3) *Ziba*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson*,<sup>1</sup> (Moses<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>) b. May 9, 1761, at Parsippany, N. J.; removed in 1770 with his father to Shelburn, Vt., was taken prisoner by the Indians (see details in Note <sup>2</sup>) and finally came into possession of the old homestead there. He mar. May 24, 1787, Hannah Campbell of Voluntown, Windham co., Conn. (who was b. Jan. 24, 1766, and d. Aug. 7, 1847, in Shelburn) and

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settled in 1776 when war commenced. There were some alarms, but nothing serious till the fall of '77 when they had fears of being disturbed. A small company of men were sent to Mr. Peirson's relief under the charge of Lieutenant Barnum. There being no trouble, a part of the company left in February '78; only fifteen remained with the family. On the first of March the guard heard the enemy coming and being alarmed, forgot to fire his gun, ran in and cried: "They are coming, they are coming." The men sprang to their feet and caught their guns; at that instant the house was fired on. The men had to get their chance of firing from the small windows. Lieut. Barnum gave orders till a bullet struck him in the breast. He fell across a kettle and his blood ran into it; he died there. The Tories set the house on fire with port-fire; which was discovered and put out with beer.

Capt. Sawyer took command, and the firing was too hard for the Tories. They skulked behind the house, when one peeped out, he was shot at from the house. The battle commenced an hour before day, and lasted till the sun was an hour high. The Tories then crept off as they could on the ice. Three of the whigs were killed and some others wounded. Six Tories were found dead (one of them a great stout Indian) and in crossing the ice they were seen to cut a hole in the ice and put in some that died. Lieut. Barnum and the other two that were killed were put in coffins. A hole was dug and the enemy were all piled in together. The Indian was thrown in first with his face downward, an old Dutchman calling out "dig your way down to hell." Six Tories were taken prisoners. They cried for quarter behind the barn, and were told to come forward if they wanted quarter.

During the battle Mrs. Peirson was in the bed with her youngest daughter, ten months old. Three other girls were lying in another bed beside hers, and were not hurt. As soon as the enemy had left, Mrs. Peirson got up, leaving the child in bed. When she went to her, she found her covered with blood but not hurt. Mr. Peirson got out of bed, reached up to the beam for his rifle and a bullet went through his shirt and left two holes in it. None of the family were hurt.

<sup>1</sup> The change in spelling took place in the third generation; some branches writing *Pierson*, and others adhering to the old orthography *Peirson*; where the spelling is not known we have printed it *Pierson*.

<sup>2</sup> Is the printed newspaper slip, inserted under 2 Moses.

died in Shelburn, Nov. 7, 1820. They had children, all born in Shelburn:

1. James, born Jan. 11, 1789, d. at Shelburn, July 24, 1793.
2. David, b. June 30, 1790; d. Dec. 7, 1794.
3. Esther, b. Nov. 28, 1791; d. Dec. 17, 1794.
4. Hannah, b. July 1, 1793; d. July 11, 1793.
5. Betsey, b. Nov. 5, 1794; d. Oct. 6, 1795.
6. Nancy, b. April 25, 1797; d. at Bedford, Canada, June 29, 1867; mar. in Shelburn, July 3, 1822 to George Claves, who was b. Jan. 22, 1796, and d. at Bedford, Nov. 30, 1866. They had children. George, b. Dec. 16, 1827, and d. at Shelburn, Jan. 3, 1829; and Sophia, b. Aug. 17, 1831, who mar. George Claves, July 3, 1855, and resides in Bedford, having no children.
7. Lucy, b. Sept. 29, 1799; d. at Shelburn, March 28, 1866; married there, May 3, 1826, to Henry S. Morse<sup>1</sup> who was b. April 1800, and d. at Massena, N. Y., 1875. Their children were Henry Pierson, b. Aug. 13, 1827, and d. Feb. 18, 1830; Caroline, b. July 22, 1829, who mar. Henry White of Shelburn, and had chd., Jennie, b. Nov. 11, 1853, and mar. in 1873 to Samuel Danforth of Massena, N. Y.; Emily, b. Dec. 5, 1831, and died at Shelburn, April 11, 1857; and Henry P., b. Sept. 2, 1834, and mar. Lois Learey, May 16, 1859, with seven children in 1873.

8 *Moses Campbell*, b. Oct. 29, 1801; d. Oct. 21, 1814, at Shelburn.

9 *Clara*, b. July 21, 1804. She m. first, Nov. 14, 1822, William Read, of Burlington, Vt.; who died without chd. Nov. 7, 1823.

After breakfast they gathered up their things and started on the ice for Shoreham with their horse-teams. The cattle were driven by land through the woods. There the family made a stop, took a farm and staid till next fall.

About this time some scouts from Canada came out and burnt Mr. Peirson's house and barn and all the other buildings. They next went to Vergennes, where they found a few people whom they took prisoners. After having burned all the log-houses, they started for Quebec. Among the prisoners were Mr. Peirson's eldest daughter Mrs. Sarah Van Arnum, her husband and a child a year old, named Miles. They had compassion enough for the prisoners to let them ride on the horses they had taken, and on the way gave back to Mrs. Van Arnum her child's clothing. They were all kept in prison at Quebec till the war was over, when they were exchanged. The next spring she had another son born who was christened by the priest, George Frederick, and named for King George. The same fall these were taken, another party went on to Shoreham burning on the way all the houses they could find. They burned several in Cornwall. Only two escaped; they were near a large swamp, and were unnoticed.

When Mr. Peirson's family left Shoreham they went to Rutland and remained there and in Clarendon till peace was declared, but had left their cattle and hogs and two oldest boys, Ziba and Uzal, to kill their meat and try their lard, which they had done and were all ready to start on the next morning. Before day this squad came, fired on the house, which frightened the cattle and they all fled to the woods, but were afterwards found. The two boys and a Mr. More, on whose farm they had lived, were made prisoners with others they found in the town, and taken to St. Johns. They set fire to the house and burnt up the meat and lard. After they arrived at St. Johns, Ziba was handcuffed and kept in the prison, he being nearly eighteen years old. Uzal was in his sixteenth year and small of his age. He was allowed to go out. He kept a good look-out till he found a place where they could

<sup>1</sup> Old family papers were lost in the burning of Mrs. Morse's house.

She m. second, Feb. 19, 1827, Luther Martin Hagar, who was b. in Montreal, Sept. 24, 1804, who lived in Shelburn till 1842, and then removed to Burlington, the present residence of the family. Their children are, Sarah Clara, b. Dec. 3, 1827 (living in Europe); Maria Ellen, b. Sept. 18, 1829; Julius Martin, b. July 5, 1831, residing in Boise city, Idaho; Katharine Almira and Caroline Frances, twins, b. July 21, 1833, the latter died June 8, 1856; George Ingersoll, b. Oct. 17, 1835, and mar. at Burlington, May 27, 1868, to Lucia Lyon, who was born Dec. 25, 1831, they having 4 children.

(4) *Uzal*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* (Moses<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), b. May 4, 1763, in Parsippany, N. J., was carried to Montreal by the Indians with his brother Ziba (see note <sup>(1)</sup> p. (81) from Shelburn, Vt., where he lived on a portion of his father's farm, and d. Jan. 11, 1836. He m. Dorcas Frisbie, who was b. June 10, 1767, and d. May 22, 1848. Their children were:

(7) 1 *John*, b. Feb. 17, 1790.

(8) 2 *Uzal*, b. Nov. 7, 1791.

3 Edward, b. Dec. 2, 1793, m. 1829, Abiel Bacon, with chd. Smith (lately living in Chicago), and Isaac.

4 Betsey, b. Jan. 9, 1796; d. unmarried.

5 Mary, b. April 28, 1798, at Shelburn; d. at Willoughby, Ohio, Aug. 13, 1842. She mar. Nov. 6, 1836, Earl Smith, who was b. at Waitsfield, Vt., April 6, 1795. They had one daughter Emma Frisbie, b. at Willoughby, Ohio, Aug., 1838, and m. to John Calkins, a resident of Chicago, with 4 children.

make their escape. After a few days Ziba's handcuffs were taken off, and he had liberty within the fort. When captured a pocket compass was found on him which the captain took from him. A day or two before his escape, the captain started on another scout and came and shook hands with him, leaving the compass in Ziba's hands. As soon as they could leave in safety, they crept out while the sentinel slept and went to an old house occupied as a church; where they remained till the next night, then started on their journey through woods and sometimes through clearings, sleeping in barns when they could find them, otherwise staying in the woods. It was March, 1779.

They had been two days without provisions. They came to a French house. As they entered the door, they saw a man cutting bread with a large knife. He laid it down. The boys snatched each a slice and the knife and ran to the woods. By the help of the compass they went on. Somewhere they found a hatchet. As they traveled through the poor French settlement, some of them were kind and would give them food. A few days after leaving the fort they were afraid they should be captured and staid a week in a barn concealed in the hay, creeping out at night to seek food which they seldom found. They became so faint and hungry that they struck an ox on the head with the hatchet, then cut his throat and skinned the thighs, and took the skin to wrap up their feet, and ate some of the meat.

At one place they saw men getting out a raft of timber. They slyly crept to the house, where they found an old man drunk and asleep on the floor. Several knapsacks were hanging up filled with bread. They each took one and a camp kettle of meat and beans and a gun and ammunition and a bottle of rum, then took to the woods again, and fared well till it was gone. Afterwards they had to live on such wild game as they could shoot, killing even martens and eating them. The snow began to melt the first of April, and they had to walk through snow and water. Winter ended and spring advancing, they came to Lake Champlain. They made a raft of flood-wood, tied together with peeled bark and crossed to land, let their raft go and soon found they were on an island, which they after-

6 Marcia, b. Feb'y 28, 1800, d. June 30, 1847. She m. twice ; last to Albert Rowleson. No children.

(9) 7 *Smith Frisbie*, b. Aug. 29, 1802.

(10) 8 *Hiram*, b. Aug. 11, 1804.

9 Lucina, b. Jan'y 19, 1808 ; d. March 4, 1870. She was mar. Sept. 17, 1828, to Isaac Smith, who was b. Sept. 16, 1812. No children.

(5) *William*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* (Moses<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), b. at Parsippany, N. J., Jan'y 15, 1765 ; removed with his father to Shelburn, Vt. He mar. first, — Wolcott ; second, Sally Rouse ; and had children, all born at Shelburn, by which marriage it is not known :

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| 1 Harry.   | 5 Ovid.                   |
| 2 James.   | 6 Luna.                   |
| 3 William. | 7 Rowena, d. in New York. |
| 4 Maurice. |                           |

He was an enthusiastic, somewhat visionary man ; always hoping to go to England to recover the fortune fraudulently taken from his grandfather Moses Peirson. He was also a chemist, and engaged in experiments for making gold out of the baser metals. When living in New York state, his neighbors thought him a conjurer and burned his laboratory. About 1810 the family moved to near Vevay, Indiana.

(6) *Samuel*<sup>3</sup> *Pierson* (Moses<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan'y 7, 1770 ; mar. Ruth Hastings. Their children were :

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| 1 Fanny, d. in Chautauqua, N. Y. | 5 Rachel.            |
| 2 Lewis.                         | 6 James.             |
| 3 Rhoda.                         | 7 Allen, and others. |
| 4 Samuel.                        |                      |

Went to Cayuga co., N. Y., about 1811.

wards supposed to be Isle of Mott. They made a new raft, and left the island. Their feet became sore, and their ox-hide moccasins, tied on their feet with pieces of bark, were nearly worn out.

They could walk but slowly, and it was May before they arrived at their father's farm in Shelburn ; but there they found no friends and nothing to eat but birds which they killed, cooked and eat, without any seasoning. They staid here several days, lying at night in the woods till they felt recruited, then went on to Rutland where they found their family and friends.

Imagine their appearance when they arrived. They had been forty days on their journey without a change of garments. They were ragged and filthy and almost famished with hunger. The news of their arrival spread rapidly. One man took his horse and rode from house to house to proclaim the news. Men, women and children flocked in to see them and many were the tears of joy shed by their friends at seeing them again, for they had imagined that they were killed by the Indians.

When the war was over, Mr. Peirson returned with his family to the place in Shelburn that he had left (afterwards occupied by Judge Meech)."

The editor adds :

"The accounts of the fight at Moses Peirson's house, March 12, 1778, known of old by the rather sounding title of 'The Battle of Shelburn,' given by Lyman Thayer and Rev. G. F. Sutton, in Miss Hemenway's *Gazetteer*, mentioned the number of the attacking party as 57 ; some being Indians, and some supposed to be tories or British soldiers disguised as Indians. Mr. Thayer says that a British officer, taken captive and brought to Burlington in the war of 1812, told Ziba Peirson that his (the officer's) father, named Larama, was

(7) *John<sup>4</sup> Pierson* (Uzal<sup>3</sup>, Moses<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 17, 1790. He married in 1812, Abigail Saxton, who d. 1868. He went to the Sandwich Islands, where he accumulated a large property, and died at Honolulu, in 1859. They had children :

1 Adeline, b. 1814 ; m. John Craig ; their children being John and George.

2 Betsey, b. 1815.

6 John Saxton.

3 Alexander Edw., b. 1816.

7 Moses Fred.

4 Rosamund.

8 Helen.

5 Louisa.

9 Araminta, m. George Saxton ; resides at Hammanton, N. J., and have six children.

(8) *Uzal<sup>4</sup> Pierson* (Uzal<sup>3</sup>, Moses<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 7, 1791, d. Aug. 2, 1872. He married Nov. 10, 1813, Polly Smith, who was b. Sept. 14, 1793, and d. June 1, 1848. Their children were :

1 Hanson C., b. Oct. 8, 1814 ; d. June 12, 1848, at Tyler, Ill. He m. Sept. 12, 1844, Elizabeth Comstock, who d. Sept. 2, 1845. Their son George, was b. June 4, 1845, and d. Aug. 18, 1845.

2 Addie A., b. at Shelburn, Vt., Dec. 4, 1816, where she d. Oct. 16, 1863, married Feb. 18, 1838, Oscar L. Holabird, of same place, who d. May, 1870. Their children (all born in Shelburn) were ; Eugene F., b. Jan'y 1, 1839, and d. Feb. 21, 1864 ; Alice, b. Dec. 17, 1841, living in Chicago ; Oliver, b. March 4, 1843, d. March 17, 1864 ; William, b. Sept. 20, 1845, m. Phœbe Dorr, in 1869, has two children and resides in Chicago ; Polly, b. June 6, 1848, and lives in Chicago ; Ellen, b. Aug. 16, 1850, and d. Oct. 9, 1865 ; James H., b. Feb. 26, 1853, and lives in Chicago.

3 Helen M., b. March 30, 1819 ; m. Dec. 11, 1844, to Curtis J. Pattridge. Their children all residing in Burlington, Vt., are : Mary E., b. Nov. 4, 1845, m. Jan'y 18, 1865, to Alvin L. Inman of Crown Point, N. Y., and having two children : Hanson C., b. Dec. 24, 1847 ; Frank S., b. June 29, 1850 ; George P., b. Dec. 6, 1852 ; Fanny C., b. April 11, 1855, d. May 17, 1858 ; Clara H., b. April 26, 1860.

(11) 4 *Edward*, b. Aug. 15, 1821.

5 Jane, b. July 3, 1823 ; m. Dec. 28, 1846, to George J. Pattridge ; reside at Shelburn. Their children are : Lucy J., b. Oct. 7, 1847 ; m. June 8, 1871, to Henry H. Blinn, living at Kenyon, Minn., having three children : Frederic W., b. April 5, 1850 ; William P., b. April 28, 1852, and living in Iowa ; Henry N., b. July

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killed in the revolutionary war, in the British service, at Peirson's, in Shelburn. It is also related that the British authorities, exasperated by the repulse of their party, offered a large reward for the body of 'the notorious rebel Moses Peirson,' dead or alive. An order of the Vermont Council of Safety, directed to Captains Ebenezer Allen and Isaac Clark, is extant, which alludes to the affair as 'Capt. Sawyer's late signal victory over the enemy at Shelburn,' orders them to go to his relief, to secure the wheat at Shelburn, and to remove all the inhabitants they could not protect, within their lines on Otter creek. The removal of Moses Peirson and his family to Orwell was probably in consequence of this order."

3, 1854; Emma C., b. Sept. 14, 1857; Helen M., b. Nov. 17, 1859; Adelia, b. Nov. 7, 1862; and Anna F., b. July 28, 1865.

6 Mary R., b. Oct. 26, 1825; d. July 3, 1864. He was m. Dec. 10, 1849, to Enos Peterson, of Burlington, Vt. Their ch. all born there are: Mary, b. July 31, 1852, d. June 1, 1877; Enos, Jr., b. Sept. 20, 1854, m. May 1, 1875, Mary Latham; having one son and living in Penn.; Edward P., b. June 4, 1857, lives at Sioux city, Iowa; Cornelia, b. Sept. 2, 1859, d. Feb'y 15, 1862; Catharine E., b. Feb'y 18, 1862, d. Aug. 4, 1864; Walter, b. Oct. 12, 1866.

7 Cornelia, b. June 27, 1828, d. March 27, 1832, at Shelburn.

8 Allen Smith, b. Dec. 18, 1830, d. March 17, 1832.

9 Cornelia, b. Aug. 8, 1833, d. Sept. 20, 1871; m. to Horace R. Nash, of Burlington, Jan. 16, 1866, no children.

10 John Henry, b. Oct. 6, 1838; m. April 18, 1864, Eleanor L. Lawton. One ch. Charles, b. Dec. 17, 1866.

(9) *Smith Frisbie<sup>4</sup> Pierson* (Uzal<sup>3</sup>, Moses<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 29, 1802, at Shelburn, Vt. He married April 29, 1829, Lydia Tabor. Their children (all born at Shelburn, with exception of Richard), were:

(12) 1 *Richard Irving*, b. Aug. 7, 1830, at Charlotte, Vt.

2 Betsey E., b. May 3, 1832, d. at Brooklyn, N. Y., April 21, 1873, where her chd. now reside. She was m. Dec. 26, 1855, to Fred. S. Blinn. Their chd. are Addie L., b. at Burlington, Dec. 10, 1857; Carrie J., b. at same place Dec. 23, 1859; and Walter F., b. at Brooklyn, Aug. 28, 1872.

3 Emma L., b. Sept. 20, 1834, m. at Janesville, Wis., Oct. 22, 1862, to Oliphant P. Hartley. Live in Brooklyn, N. Y., and have children; Irving P., b. at Chicago, Dec. 6, 1864, d. Jan. 10, 1866; and Emma L., b. at Shelburn, Dec. 4, 1869.

(13) 4 *Henry Morse*, b. Aug. 3, 1838.

5 James Smith, b. Dec. 8, 1840, m. Dec. 5, 1871, Lucille Blake and living at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

6 John Tabor, b. Oct. 10, 1836, d. Jan. 29, 1841.

7 Mary Jemima, b. Oct. 21, 1842, and now living at Shelburn.

(10) *Hiram Pierson* (Uzal<sup>3</sup>, Moses<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 11, 1804, d. near Pike's Peak, Col., Aug. 29, 1860. He mar. May, 1826, Maria Holabird, who was b. at Shelburn, Vt., 1804, and d. at New Milford, Ill., May, 1869. He lost his property in Vermont, and went in 1842, to Milwaukee, to Winnebago co., Ill., and finally to California, and other points in the far west. The circumstances of his death were peculiar. He was, at the time, at the ranch of a friend named Rice, near Denver; who, with his men, was making hay, at a distance from the house. The strange actions of his dog, led Mr. Rice to suspect that something was wrong at the house. He left the field to investigate, and subsequently, the parties found the house burnt, and the bones of Mr. Rice and Mr. Pierson among the ruins. From the finding of bows and arrows near by, the murders were attributed at first to the Kiawa Indians; but investigation fixed



the crime upon the band of cattle thieves who infested the region, and who had purposely placed the bows and arrows, to mislead. Their children were:

1 Irvin H., b. Feb. 11, 1825 (with the succeeding five children) at Shelburn, Vt. He d. Jan., 1828.

2 Harriet M., b. Oct. 4, 1828; m. March 29, 1848, to Frederick H. Maxwell. Have had nine children.

3 Lucy, b. May 17, 1830. Was mar. at Beloit, Wis., Oct. 24, 1848, to George H. Mitchell, and resides at Milwaukee. Children are, Stanley, and Alice Maud, wife of Ceylon Lyman.

4 Lucina, b. April 14, 1833; died May 1849.

5 Charles, b. Oct. 10, 1837; m. at Denver, Col., to Maria Ulin, and has six children.

6 Ellen T., b. April 23, 1839; d. at Denver, April 1877; m. 1869 to Albert Kneeland, and has one child.

7 Alice M., b. Aug. 6, 1843 (with the succeeding two), in Winnebago co., Ill.; m. Nov. 1867 to W. A. Judd, of Dubuque; and has one daughter.

8 Clara J., b. April 22, 1845; m. Dec. 25, 1871, to Philip Ireland, Denver, Col., and has one daughter.

9 Marion A., b. Nov. 28, 1848; mar. Nov. 10, 1868, to Alfred Graham, at New Milford, Ill.; and has one daughter.

(11) *Edward<sup>5</sup> Pierson* (Uzal,<sup>4</sup> Uzal,<sup>3</sup> Moses,<sup>2</sup> James<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 15, 1821. He married first, Sept. 12, 1844, Sarah Comstock, who d. Oct. 21, 1848. Their children are:

1 William George, b. Dec. 27, 1845; m. Nov. 12, 1866, Mattie W. Fifield, and had chd.: William b. Jan. 23, 1867, and Edward E., b. Feb. 8, 1869. Living in Brooklyn, N. Y.

2 Jason E., b. at St. George, Vt., Jan. 31, 1848, and lives in Geneva, Neb.

*Edward<sup>5</sup> Pierson*, mar. second Maria A. Smith, Feb. 4, 1850, and now lives at Spring Valley, Rockland co., N. Y. Their children are:

3 Sarah, b. Aug. 1853; mar. June 22, 1872 to Peter E. Kelly.

4 Susan, mar. Nov. 9, 1874, to John A. Cook.

5 Enos.

(12) *Richard Irving<sup>5</sup> Pierson* (Smith Frisbie<sup>4</sup>, Uzal<sup>3</sup>, Moses<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 7, 1830; m. July 14, 1853, in Massena, N. Y., Abbie M. Douglas, with children:

1 Richard I., b. at Shelburn, Vt., June 17, 1855, d. July 16, 1859.

2 Clarissa L., b. at Janesville, Wis., Nov. 24, 1859.

3 Emma L., b. at same place, Feb'y 12, 1862.

4 Walter C., b. at Burlington, Vt., Jan'y 11, 1865, d. July 28, 1865.

5 Fanny P., b. at Burlington, Sept. 7, 1868, d. Sept. 8, 1868.

(13) *Henry Morse<sup>5</sup> Pierson* (Smith Frisbie<sup>4</sup>, Uzal<sup>3</sup>, Moses<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 3, 1838, m. first at Wheeling, W. Va., July 6, 1866, Annie E. Shaw, who died at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1871. Their children are:

- 1 Frank J., b. at Steubenville, O., Aug. 4, 1867, d. July 19, 1868.
  - 2 Frederick H., b. at New York, Oct. 2, 1868, d. Jessup, Iowa, May 13, 1874.
  - 3 George S., b. at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1871, d. Dec. 30, 1871.
- Married second, Aug. 25, 1875, Mrs. Frances A. Creevey; lives at Brooklyn, N. Y.

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PEARSONS OF WINDSOR, CT.

In Dr. Stiles's *History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor, Conn.*, upon p. 737, appears abruptly, with no ancestors, the brief entry, from the Town Records, of three Pearsons, (Simon, Samuel, and Ephraim perhaps brothers), and of their children as below. In the case of Ephraim, we are enabled to enlarge and continue the record from other sources.

*Simon*<sup>1</sup> *Pearson*, mar. Ruth Tailer, Dec. 25, 1738, and had chd. 1 Ruth, b. Oct. 21, 1739; 2 Benjamin, b. May 21, 1742; 3 Ezra, b. April 16, 1744.

*Samuel*<sup>1</sup> *Pearson*, mar. Jerusha Kibbe, of Enfield, Conn., Jan. 17, 1739, and had children: 1 Jerusha, b. Dec. 5, 1740; 2 Love, b. Oct. 23, 1742; 3 Abigail, b. May 27, 1744; 4 Samuel, b. Dec. 23, 1745.

*Pearson*,<sup>1</sup> *Ephraim*<sup>2</sup> mar. Hannah Barrett (probably a descendant of James Barrett of Charlestown, Mass.), April 23, 1754. Had chd. 1 Hannah; 2 Annie; 3 Ephraim, b. June 18, 1758, or 1759; 4 Jesse; 5 Benjamin, b. May 28, 1763; 6 John; 7 Joseph; 8 David; 9 Olive or Olivia.

9 *Olive* (or *Olivia*), b. in Conn., Sept. 23, 1771, mar. July 1787 Joseph Rathburn, who was b. on Block Island, R. I. Sept. 23, 1761, and d. Sept. 29, 1854. She d. Sept. 6, 1851. They moved west about 1840, and both are buried at South Ridge, Conneaut, Ohio. They had thirteen children:

1 Electa Rathburn, b. April 17, 1788; m. Isaac Clark, 1801, and died Nov. 21, 1856. Buried at Buffalo, N. Y.

2 Sally Rathburn, b. May 18, 1790, mar. Nathan Walton and d. Nov. 10, 1847.

3 Pearson Rathburn, b. March 8, 1792, mar. Laura Stuart, d. Aug. 24, 1843, buried at Newburg, Ohio.

4 Erastus Rathburn, b. June 23, 1794, m. Sally Lilley, 1815, and d. May 24, 1876.

5 Milton Rathburn, b. June 6, 1797, mar. Laura Aken, d. Oct. 1822, buried Newburg, O.

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<sup>1</sup> This is the same individual as 37 Ephraim<sup>4</sup> on page 25 in Miss Pierson's record of the family of Henry Pierson of Southampton.

6 Jesse Rathburn, b. 1799, d. four months old.

7 Susannah Rathburn, b. July 4, 1800, m. 1st. Thomas Collins, m. 2d. Ambrose Lockwood, d. April 21, 1869. Buried at Clinton, Iowa.

8 Pamela Rathburn, b. Aug. 4, 1802, m. Robert Harper; buried at Harpersfield, Ohio; d. Nov. 26, 1843.

9 Harriet Rathburn, b. May 1, 1804, m. Jared Aken, now in Iowa.

10 Charlotte Rathburn, b. July 15, 1806, m. George Hubbell. Buried at Hillsdale Mich., d. Dec. 30, 1848.

11 Calista Rathburn, b. June 1, 1808, m. Harvey Cole, now of Ohio.

12 Polly Rathburn, b. May 19, 1810, m. Thomas Allen, lives at Clinton City, Iowa, and has four chd.

13 Joseph Rathburn, b. March 10, 1813, m. Sarah Brown, d. Oct. 2, 1858, and is buried at Plum Spring, Iowa. His widow living at Ionia, Branch co., Mich.

His great grandson.

*Ephraim*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson* (Jacob,<sup>2</sup> Ephraim,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim<sup>1</sup>), mar. Nancy A. Foutze; with children: 1 Hiram; 2 Louisa; 3 Phebe E.; 4 Benjamin; 5 Louis Heber.

*Ephraim*, is supposed to have died in Cal., in 1873 or 1874, widow and chd. living in Pleasant Grove, Utah.

*Elias F.*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson*, (Jacob,<sup>3</sup> Ephraim,<sup>2</sup> Ephraim<sup>1</sup>); mar. and living with his family in Circleville, Pohute co., Utah.

10 *Mary*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, b. Sept. 29, 1773, in Litchfield, Conn., d. Aug. 1858; she m. Josiah Watrous, May 11, 1789: who was b. in Killingworth, Conn., May 15, 1768, and d. Oct. 27, 1858. Their children were:

1 James, b. 1790, m. in Penn., and died there leaving two chd.

2 Laura, b. 1792, d (unmarried) in Avon, 1810.

3 Edward, b. 1794, d. in Michigan, 85 yrs. old. Had two chd.

4 John, b. 1796, m. Mary Bancroft, d. in Avon, N. Y., in 1862 or 3. Had 13 or 14 chd.

5 Elizabeth, b. 1798, m. Dr. Long, d. in Avon, leaving two chd.

6 Samuel, b. 1800, m. first Anna Sage, second — Ward. d. in 1876, leaving one chd.

7 Elmira, b. 1802, d. young.

8 Infant dau. b. and d. 1804.

9 Truman Martin, b. in Avon, 1807, m. first Henrietta Martin, July 22, 1835, second Charlotte Palmer, third Mary P. Sutherland, Oct. 27, 1856, d. in Tuscola, Mich., Feb. 20, 1857, no chd.

10 Olivia, b. in 1809, m. Jan'y 1830, John Ward, who d. in Avon, Aug. 22, 1867. She lives in Rochester, N. Y.

11 Henry, b. 1811, m. Emily Hillman, no chd.

12. Laura A., b. 1813, m. W. H. Scott, d. Aug. 1870, leaving one chd., in Oil City, Penn.

13 Mary A., b. April, 1816, m. John Hall, now living at Avon, N. Y. Had three chd.

*Ephraim*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson* (*Ephraim*<sup>1</sup>), b. in East Windsor, Conn., June 18, 1758 (or 1759); m. in same town Feb'y 22, 1779, *Phoebe Cleveland*; he d. in Savannah, Ga., 1804.<sup>1</sup> *Phoebe Cleveland*, wife of *Ephraim*<sup>2</sup> *Pearson*, b. June 25, 1758, was the sixth dau. and tenth child of *Benjamin* and *Rachel* (Hall or Hyde) *Cleveland* of Ellington, Conn., formerly of Canterbury, Conn., where she was born. She traced her ancestry through *Benjamin*<sup>4</sup>, b. May 20, 1714, in Canterbury, Conn.; *Joseph*<sup>3</sup>, b. July 18, 1689, in Chelmsford, Mass.; *Samuel*<sup>2</sup>, b. June 9, 1657, in Woburn, Mass.; to *Moses*<sup>2</sup> *Cleveland*, who emigrated in 1635 from Ipswich, Suffolk, England, and settled in Middlesex co., Mass. The second husband of Mrs. *Phoebe* (*Cleveland*) *Pearson*, was *Timothy O'Brien*, by whom she had two sons and two daughters; of whom *Timothy O'Brien, Jr.*, is living in 80th year in Pooleville, Madison co., N. Y. She d. in Shelburn, Chenango co., N. Y., Aug. 6, 1838.

His children were:

1 *Anna Pearson* (*Ephraim*<sup>2</sup>, *Ephraim*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 13, 1779, in E. Windsor, Conn., and died at Manchester, Vt., Jan'y 7, 1829; she mar. in last named town, Oct. 11, 1798, *Benjamin Sutherland* (son of *Samuel* and *Rachel*) a farmer, who was b. there Aug. 24, 1775, and d. there Oct. 22, 1852. They having thirteen children:

1 *Marcus*, b. Nov. 18, 1801, m. *Mary Taylor* in Perry, N. Y., res. in Allegan, Mich.

2 *Julia*, b. June 6, 1803, m. *Lewis Brown*, d. Sept. 24, 1867, in Lawrence, Kansas.

3 *Delia*, b. Oct. 22, 1804, mar. *Hymen Burgess*, res. in Grafton, Vt.

4 *Mary Pearson*, b. April 25, 1806, mar. 1st, *Truman M. Watrous*, 2d, *William Slater* in Tuscola, Mich., d. Dec. 4, 1865, in Tuscola, Mich.

5 *Ammi*, b. Jan'y 11, 1808, mar. 1st, *Elizabeth Wheaton* of

<sup>1</sup> Shortly after his first child was born he removed to Manchester, Vt., and became a trader in general merchandise of farm produce. In the fall of 1787 he took a drove of hogs to Boston, and finding the prices low, chartered a vessel for Halifax and put his live stock on board intending an absence of a few weeks only. The vessel was driven by adverse winds out of her course and was captured by a Spanish privateer, the cargo confiscated by these freebooters, and the unhappy crew, together with *Pearson*, sold into slavery in a foreign clime. His loving wife waited patiently seven years for her husband's return, when, convinced of his death, she married again. Two years later her husband secured his release by the intervention of the U. S. authorities, and was landed at Savannah early in 1797. He immediately wrote to his brother at Avon, Livingston co., N. Y., concerning his wife and little ones, and being informed of the exact state of things, he concluded to remain in Savannah, Ga. There he went into business and prospered exceedingly for several years. When his only son *Jacob* was nineteen years of age, he visited his uncle in the state of New York, where he learned for the first time of his father's return and whereabouts. He at once started for Savannah, but on his arrival found that his father had died two years before, in 1804, and he was shown the spot where he was buried.

Manchester, Vt., 2d, Melinda Raymond in Springfield, Penn., res. in Sharon, Wis.

6 Edgar, b. June 22, 1809, mar. Annie Rice in Salem, N. Y., d. in Shushan, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1877.

7 Seth, b. April 7, 1811, unmarried, d. Apr. 2, 1842.

8 Samuel, b. Feb'y 28, 1813; mar. in Rockville, Ohio, The-manthis Mitchell, d. in Lawrence, Kansas, June 2, 1857.

9 Elon Galusha, b. Jan'y 23, 1815, mar. Sarah Stillman of New London, Conn.; a seaman.

10 Josiah, b. March 10, 1817, mar. Martha Perrin, in Pomfret, Vt., res. Wanconia, Iowa.

11 Harriet, b. Dec. 30, 1818, d. Nov. 4, 1826.

12 William, b. Feb'y 28, 1820, mar. 1st, Eliz. B. Hughes, in Lewis co., Ky., 2d, Jane P. Hughes, in Nicholas co., Ky.; physician, res. Victoria, Texas.

13 Benjamin, b. Nov. 19, 1821, mar. Mary E. Phillips in Van Buren, Ohio; lawyer, res. Jersey City, Ohio.

2 *Mary<sup>3</sup> Pearson* (Ephraim<sup>2</sup>, Ephraim<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 12, 1782, d. Nov. 25, 1857; she m. Jan. 29, 1807, Jonah Sutherland (brother of Benjamin, her sister Anna's husband), who was b. Dec. 20, 1779, and d. Aug. 1845. They both were born and lived at Manchester, Vt., till 1820, when they moved to Edmeston, Otsego co., N. Y., and died there. They had ten children:

1 Walter, b. Aug. 12, 1807, m. 1st, Almira Swan of Edmeston, N. Y., 2d, Ruth Berry, of Sangerfield, N. Y., 3d, Mrs. Miriam Austin.

2 Emeline, b. June 19, 1809, d. Feb. 7, 1842.

3 Anna, b. March 28, 1811, d. June 15, 1835.

4 Benjamin, b. Dec. 1, 1812, m. Fidelia Bennett, of Edmeston, d. July 16, 1877, in Colorado.

5 Giles, b. March 25, 1815, m. Ruth Sheldon of Burlington, N. York, d. Oct. 5, 1867, in Oneonta, N. Y.

6 Charles, b. Nov. 4, 1816, m. Frances E. Burdick, resides in Sharon, Wis.

7 Mark, b. June 28, 1819, resides in Plainfield, Iowa.

8 Albert, b. Nov. 16, 1821, farmer West Edmeston, N. Y., m. 1st, Irene Bennett, in Edmeston, 2d, Mrs. Betsey Jane White.

9 Noyes Palmer, b. April 15, 1824, d. July 22, 1842.

10 Alonzo Wheelock, b. Jan. 12, 1827, m. Harriet Mitchell, of Edmeston.

3 *Eunice<sup>3</sup> Pearson* (Ephraim<sup>2</sup>, Ephraim<sup>1</sup>), b. Oct. 13, 1784, in Manchester, Vt., d. Aug. 22, 1866, in New Berlin, Chenango co., N. Y.; she m. in Manchester, May 1, 1803, D'Estaing Eaton (son of Nathan and Phoebe), a farmer, b. in same town, June 8, 1782, and d. in Brookfield, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1847. They having five chd.:

1 James, b. March 24, 1805, m. Mary Stockwell, in Sangerfield, N. Y., d. in New Berlin, N. Y., April 20, 1872.

2 Nancy, b. May 8, 1807, in Shelburne, N. Y., m. Saxton Berry, in Brookfield, N. Y., res. Sangerfield, N. Y.

3 Nathan, b. Aug. 30, 1815, in Brookfield, N. Y., m. Mary Clarke, in Brookfield, N. Y., d. in New Berlin, N. Y., March 2, 1856.

4 John, b. Feb. 15, 1818, in Brookfield, m. Lucina Green, in Marshall, N. Y.

5 Joseph, b. Oct. 12, 1820, in Brookfield, N. Y., m. 1st, Elmina Read, in Brookfield, N. Y., 2d, Nellie Lewis, in Battlecreek, Mich., 3d Mary Ann Beaven, in Highland, Ill., res. Pittsfield, Pike co., Ill.

(4) *Jacob<sup>3</sup> Pearson* (Ephraim<sup>2</sup>, Ephraim<sup>1</sup>), b. in Manchester, Vt., April 28, 1787. On learning his father's death in Charleston, S. C., he took the name of Ephraim J. He m. first, at last named place 1808, Mrs. Eliza Anderson, who died there in 1811. He m. second in Manchester, June 4, 1812, Rhoda Ewers, dau. of John and Sallie (Morley) Ewers. She was b. in Gill, Franklin co., Mass., Dec. 22, 1790, and d. in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 1846; where he also d. Dec. 1846. In early life, a merchant, of fine personal appearance and address, and good business talents. In 1840, he moved from Waterville, Oneida co., N. Y., to Newburgh, Cuyahoga co., Ohio. Their chd. were:

1 Phebe Cleveland<sup>4</sup> *Pearson*, b. in Leroy, Genesee co., N. Y., May 26, 1813, m. in Waterville, Oneida co., N. Y., Nov. 3, 1859, Orenzo Barnard, who was b. in Hardwick, Mass., Aug. 18, 1804, and d. in Waterville, N. Y., June 16, 1873; a builder by occupation. She now living in sametown. No children:

2 Elizabeth Boyd<sup>4</sup> *Pearson*, b. in Brookfield, N. Y., July 25, 1815, m. in Akron, Ohio, Jan. 1, 1846, Porter Cunningham Rector, who was b. in Manlius, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1815, and now resides (a miller by occupation) in Oakland, Cal. She d. in Akron, Ohio, Aug. 14, 1871. Their chd. were:

1 Alice L., b. in Copley, O., Feb. 22, 1848, d. Feb. 13, 1853.

2 Emma, b. in Akron, O., Oct. 10, 1849, d. Jan. 4, 1850.

3 Henrietta, b. in Warsaw, O., Dec. 4, 1851, d. March 5, 1854.

(3) *Josiah M.<sup>4</sup> Pearson* (Jacob<sup>3</sup>, Ephraim<sup>2</sup>, Ephraim<sup>1</sup>), b. in Brookfield, Madison co., N. Y., April 25, 1817, m. in Rome, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1839, Tryphena Bitgood, who was born in Mass., March 4, 1820. Farmer: res. Martinton, Ill. Their chd. are:

1 George Hough Pearson, b. June 12, 1841, d. July 28, 1867.

2 *Henry Pearson*, b. Oct. 4, 1847, m. in Watseca, Ill., June 28, 1872, Love Pierce, who was b. in Adams, Ill., April 21, 1849. Farmer, res. Martinton, Ill. Their chd. were:

1 Emery La Forest Pearson, b. Dec. 20, 1873.

2 George H. Pearson, b. April 25, 1875, d. Oct. 8, 1875.

3 Josiah N. Pearson, b. April 5, 1876.

4 Jennie M. Pearson, b. March 25, 1877.

(3) *Adaline Pearson*, b. Nov. 4, 1849, m. in Watseca, Ill., July 29, 1861, Alvin M. Miller, who was b. in Algonquin, Ill., April 30, 1844. Farmer, res. Martinton, Ill. Their chd. are:

- 1 Melvin La Forest, b. April 19, 1871.
- 2 Dan., b. and d. 1874.
- 3 Georgie Alice, b. July 15, 1876.
- (4) *Adaline*<sup>5</sup> *Pearson*, b. in Brookfield, N. Y., July 22, 1820, m. 1st, in Akron, O., March 7, 1842, William C. A. E. Rausch, who was b. in Hesse Cassel, Germany, Sept. 7, 1807. She m. 2d, in Akron, O., March 27, 1852, Julio R. Newman, who was b. in Chester, N. S., July 10, 1817, and d. in Alden, Iowa, Oct. 19, 1877. She living in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Chd. by W. C. A. E. Rausch.
  - 1 Caroline E. E. Rausch, b. Dec. 13, 1842, m. in Akron, O., Jan. 8, 1866, Addison J. Farrand, who was b. in Dover, O., May 20, 1839, res. Linndale, O. Two children.
  - 2 Adeline A. Rausch, b. Jan. 26, 1845, m. in Cuyahoga Falls, O., Jan. 8, 1872, Munroe B. Camp, who was b. in Dundas, Canada West, Jan. 3, 1845, res. Streater, LaSalle co., Ill. Two chd. Chd. by J. Ralph Newman.
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- (5) *Josephus*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson*, b. Mar. 23, 1823, d. (unmarried), Jan. 8, 1850.
- (6) *Ephraim John*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson*, b. Oct. 28, 1825, res. in California.
- (7) *Elias Frazier*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson*, b. July 9, 1827, m. — and has nine chd. res. Circleville, Piute co., Utah.
- (8) *Henry*<sup>4</sup> *Pearson*, b. May 24, 1830, d. Nov. 1846.

# INDEXES.

As this book contains the genealogies of several families, that is to say, as it is really several books included in one, the only apparent method of avoiding endless confusion and making the index valuable, seemed to be to make out a separate index for each family. To index each name also seemed to be not worth the trouble involved as it would but add names that represented themselves only. Therefore the heads of families only in the pedigrees are given in the indexes, as any searcher should be presumed to know the name of an ancestor in some of the generations noted by the superior number attached. There is no particular reason for adding the prefix number except for ease in identifying the name on the page referred to. A full index of other names connected with these families by marriage seemed desirable, as well as of towns where some historical facts are given in reference to their settlement.

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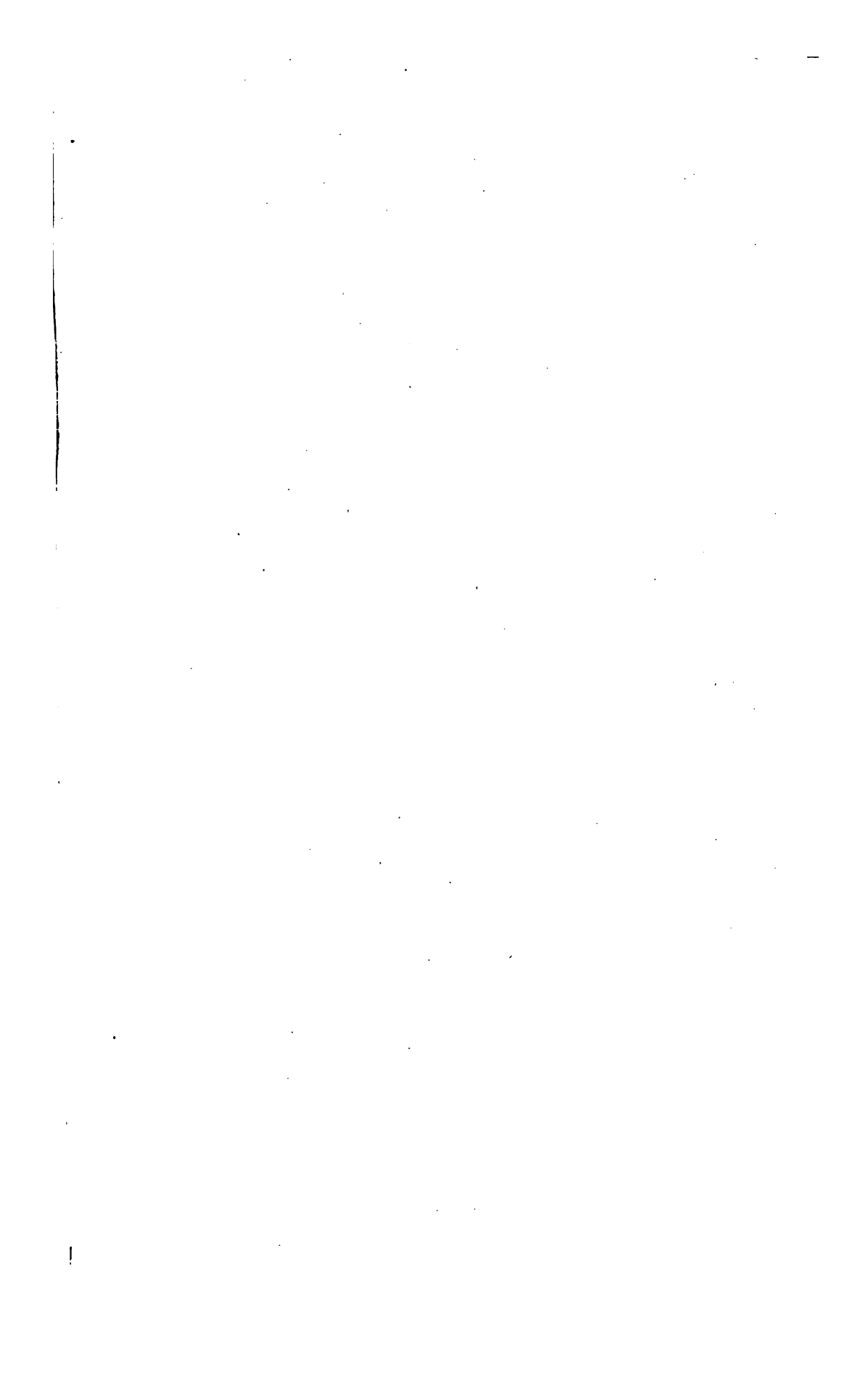
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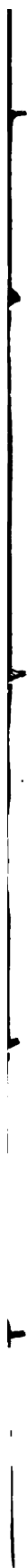
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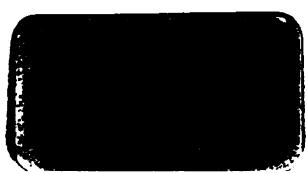
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